

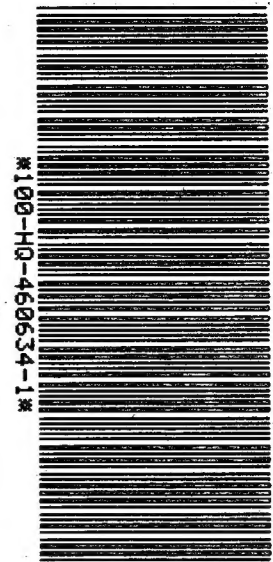
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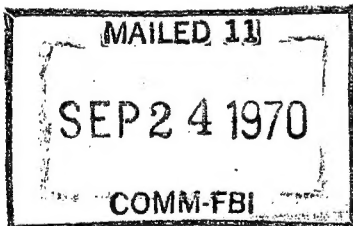
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Philadelphia teletype 9/21/70 captioned "Civil Disturbance With Police, De Luxe Restaurant, Easton, Pa., 9/19-20/70," indicated that an underground radical newspaper called the "Open Valley" was recently established in Allentown, Pennsylvania.

Philadelphia through established sources endeavor to develop additional information concerning captioned newspaper. Conduct file review and discreetly contact logical sources in an effort to develop information pertaining to the following:

1. General nature of publication.
2. Location of publishing and printing facilities.
3. Circulation.
4. Sources of funds.
5. Identification of leading activists.
6. Connection with any New Left organizations.
7. Propensity for violence of individuals associated with this group.
8. Whether any individuals connected with this press service reside in a communal-type existence.
9. Extent of any foreign or domestic subversion.



Upon completion of investigation, pertinent data developed should be submitted to the Bureau in LHM form suitable for dissemination. Copies of the newspaper published should be procured on a continuing basis and forwarded to the Bureau for perusal. Recommendations should also be submitted to Bureau regarding desirability of further investigation according to provisions of Section 87E, Manual of Instructions.

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Memorandum

TO : DIRECTOR, FBI

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-51759) (P)

SUBJECT: "OPEN VALLEY"
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OO: PH

DATE: OCT 30 1970

Re Bureau letter dated 9/25/70.

Enclosed herewith for the Bureau are six copies of an LHM captioned as above. Also enclosed for the Bureau is one copy each of Issues # 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5 of "Open Valley." A copy of this LHM is being disseminated to Secret Service locally.

Investigation in LHM, unless otherwise indicated, was conducted by SA THOMAS F. HANNIGAN.

There is no current indication of any foreign interest, direction, or control of "Open Valley" other than its Publisher and Editor in Chief, STEPHEN ROSE, went to Cuba with the Second Contingency in 4/70 to serve in Cuba with the Venceremos Brigade. Philadelphia has cases open on STEPHEN G. ROSE; SM - ANA (VB), PH 100-51325, and STEVEN FRANCIS MASTRONARDE; SM - ANA, PH 100-51976.

The following informants were utilized in enclosed LHM:

PH T-1,

Location: 100-51759 - 9

- 2-Bureau (Enc. 11) (RM)
- 5-Philadelphia
- 3-(100-51759)
- 1-(100-50318) (New Left Movement - Publications)
- 1-(100-51325) (Stephen Rose)

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PH T-2, Mrs. CARROLL C. MARTINDELL
3757 Trexler Boulevard, Allentown, Pa. (Neighbor)
(By Request) to SA C. HEBER SMITH
Location: 100-51325 - 28

PH T-3,
To SA THOMAS F. HANNIGAN
Location: This LHM

PH T-4, MONROE KURLANSIK, Army and Navy Store
North Seventh Street, Allentown, Pa.
(By Request) to SA WALTER W. DUNKLING
Location: 100-51325 - 13

PH T-5, RALPH BROWNING, Executive Vice President
Lehigh Portland Cement Company, Allentown, Pa.
(By Request) to SAs C. HEBER SMITH and THOMAS F. HANNIGAN
Location: 100-51325 - 13

PH T-6, JACK F. HEINZ
3501 Congress Street, Allentown, Pa.
(By Request) to SA THOMAS F. HANNIGAN
Location: This LHM

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PHILADELPHIA

At Allentown, Pa.

1. Will keep Bureau advised of any pertinent changes in general background policy or control in "Open Valley."
2. Will forward the Bureau future copies of "Open Valley."



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Philadelphia, Pennsylvania

In Reply, Please Refer to
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On July 30, 1970, Confidential Informant PH T-1, with whom sufficient contact has not been established to evaluate his reliability, advised a representative of the FBI as follows:

Born
The Editor In Chief and one of the founders of Open Valley, the only underground newspaper in the Lehigh Valley, Pa., area, is ~~Stephen X Rose~~ Steve Rose, 3737 Trexler Boulevard, Allentown, Pa. *Stephen X Rose* *Stephen X Rose* *Cuba Conn. oc.*

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Rose is twenty years old and was graduated from Parkland High School, Orefield, Pa., in June 1968. He entered Yale University, September 1968, and was granted a leave of absence from Yale during the 1969 - 1970 academic year. *Stephen X Rose*

Source stated that about one and a half months ago Steve Rose began to talk about starting an "underground" or as he described it a "movement" newspaper, designed to reach the middle class.

Rose initially held several organizational meetings at the residence of Dr. Wilfred E. ~~X Vogler~~ Vogler, Jr., 2128 Easton Avenue, Bethlehem, Pa. Dr. Vogler's son Philip was a charter member of the "Open Valley" staff. *X Vogler*

PH T-1 pointed out that page two of the first edition of "Open Valley" under the caption "The Open Valley Tribe," lists the names of twenty-eight individuals who are on the staff of this newspaper.

PH T-1 said that currently the following individuals appear to be the principals and formed the leadership of the "Open Valley Tribe:"

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Stephen Rose, Editor In Chief

James ~~X~~Becker, Jr., resides in Slatington, Pa., and will be 21 in December 1970. He is a full time reporter for "Open Valley."

~~X~~Steven ^{Steve}Mastronarde, Assistant to Steve Rose. Mastronarde is from Hartford, Conn., and was Rose's roommate at Yale University and is a college drop-out.

Paul ~~X~~Willistein, Jr., RD # 1, Centre Valley

Matty ~~X~~Magliane, married and divorced; resides in Allentown, Pa., and reportedly has local arrest in Allentown Police Department for prostitution.

~~X~~Vancurtis Shell, also known as Curt ~~X~~Shell, male Negro, graduated from Liberty High School, Bethlehem, Pa., about 1967 - 1968. Shell married a white girl and resides in Bethlehem, Pa., and reportedly served two years in the Armed Forces.

~~X~~Sandra Horne, resides at Cypress Road, Bethlehem, Pa., and is employed by the Pennsylvania State Bureau of Employment, Allentown, Pa.

George Michael ~~X~~Carroll, also known as Mike ~~X~~Carroll, resides with father at Allen Garden Apartments, Allentown, Pa. Reportedly a senior at Allen High School, Allentown.

Source said that almost all of the individuals listed as staff members of "Open Valley" either contributed or were asked to contribute \$5.00 each to help finance the publication. The principal source of income, however, is a trust fund established by William Rose, father, for Steve Rose's education. Steve reportedly received an annual income

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from the trust fund of approximately \$3,000 and he reportedly recently sold the stocks in the trust fund in order to obtain sufficient money to purchase a building at Vine and Morton Streets (419 Vine) in Bethlehem, Pa. This is to be the new headquarters of "Open Valley." Rose, Mastronarde, and other male and female members of "Open Valley's" staff intend to live as a "commune" at this location.

Rose reportedly paid Harry ~~X~~ Dower, Esquire, a Civil Rights Attorney in Allentown, Pa., approximately \$100 to have Dower incorporate "Open Valley."

The "Open Valley" newspaper is printed by the Philadelphia Resistance, 928 Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pa. The cost of the paper is estimated at approximately \$200 for each published issue. The publication is issued biweekly. "Open Valley" sells about two thousand copies at fifteen cents per issue for each volume. There are also possibly 150 subscribers at \$1.50 for a total of eight issues of "Open Valley."

Someone from the "Open Valley" staff travels to Philadelphia to the Philadelphia Resistance in order to take the layout of the paper to Philadelphia Resistance and to bring back the printed issues.

The Philadelphia Resistance, Philadelphia, Pa., is described in its literature as a community of young Americans fighting the draft.

The newspaper is sold on the streets, in shopping centers, stores, schools, church groups, and any place else where a crowd gathers.

The newspaper is currently being edited at the residence of Steve Rose, 3737 Trexler Boulevard, Allentown, Pa., and sells for fifteen cents per copy.

T-1 said many of the members of the "Open Valley Tribe" are against violence. They allegedly joined the "Open Valley" staff because they were interested in journalism,

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layout or photography, or newspaper work in general. Some of those former followers have become disillusioned and disinterested and have submitted their resignations to "Open Valley."

Source said that "Open Valley" has not planned any protests or demonstrations. The July 16, 1970 issue of "Open Valley" does not advocate any violence.

T-1 said that Steve Rose mentioned he was a Socialist. He believes in the Cuban ideology of "Share The Wealth." He does not appear to know anything about explosives; however, he is the type who would support the bombings of enterprises representing capitalism or the "Establishment" as such bombings would not injure the employees or cause them to become unemployed. Rose reportedly is against drugs.

On June 17, 1970, confidential informant PH T-2, with whom sufficient contact has not been established to evaluate his reliability, advised a representative of the FBI as follows:

William Rose

~~Stephen Gould Rose is the son of Mr. and Mrs. R. William Rose, 3737 Trexler Boulevard, Allentown, Pa. Mr. Rose is a Vice President of the Lehigh - Portman Cement Company, Allentown, Pa. The Rose family has lived at this address for at least six years.~~

Rose was graduated from Parkland High School, Orefield, Pa., in June 1968. He was a leader in this school and at that time was regarded highly as a "clean cut," all American boy. He has remarked recently that he was a "Conservatist" in high school but that he became a "Liberal" in college. He was President of the Key Club, President of the Student Council, member of the Track and Cross Country teams, and had a lead in the Senior Class Play in high school.

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In September 1968, Rose entered Yale University. He attended for approximately one and a half years. While at Yale he started letting his hair grow, wearing an Indian headband and moccasins, and dressing in general like a hippie. Source recalled that during the summer of 1969 Rose loafed at home most of the summer. He reportedly attended Georgetown University, Washington, D. C., for a short period that summer.

On September 4, 1970, confidential informant PH T-5, a prominent businessman in Allentown, Pa., advised that R. William Rose, father of Stephen Rose, is financial vice president of the Lehigh-Portland Cement Company. He has been employed by this company for approximately twenty years.

T-5 stated that Mr. and Mrs. Rose have lost complete control of Stephen and that Stephen now runs the Rose family. He said he wanted to emphasize that Stephen is a highly intelligent individual; that he is dedicated to Castro and Cuba; that he is an organizer; and that Stephen feels strongly that he must get the young people of this country on the right track. In this regard T-5 stated he personally regards Steve Rose as dangerous to the security of this country and that with his intelligence and dedication he might be capable of doing anything. T-5 regarded Stephen Rose as potentially dangerous because he is so frustrated with society in addition to having a very excellent mind.

On August 7, 1970, PH T-6, with whom sufficient contact has not been made to evaluate his reliability but who is also a successful businessman in Bethlehem, Pa., advised as follows:

Stephen Rose was a good student and athlete at Parkland High School in Orefield, Pa. This source has had long discussions with Steve Rose. Source felt Rose is impossible to reason with. He has made up his mind that there is oppression on all sides in the United States and that America is a police state. Rose does not believe in private

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property. He preaches redistribution of the wealth. He contends that Government and big business are in cahoots and that Americans are being manipulated by the Establishment. He feels that Russian Communism and Swedish Socialism are very bad because they have become corrupt.

Rose expresses contempt for this Government. He does not seem interested in the Laboring Class and this source felt that Rose should be considered dangerous because of his philosophy. He is basically intelligent but a radical intellectual. He is sane mentally and ordinarily would not be prone to violence. He is bound to become increasingly frustrated because he wants people to accept his philosophy which is socially unacceptable. T-6 felt that Rose may decide to illegally go to Cuba or Red China for permanent residence if he had the contacts and the opportunity.

T-6 does not feel that the group surrounding Steve Rose are really "radical youths" but they are impressed by Rose and like the idea of working on or contributing to a newspaper. T-6 felt that this group, with few exceptions, would drop off and that the newspaper would be discontinued before very long.

An article appeared on page five of the August 27, 1970 issue of the "Easton Express" Newspaper, Easton, Pa., entitled "Area Young People Launch 'Underground' Newspaper." The byline was by Mark ~~X~~ Harrison, an express staff writer.

In summary, the article contained the following information:

"Open Valley" is the Lehigh Valley, Pa., only underground newspaper. It is a bimonthly journal published by the Open Valley Tribe, a group of young people that fluctuate in number from twenty to thirty individuals.

The first issue of "Open Valley" was published in mid July, the second issue early this month, and the third issue will be out this week.

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The purpose of "Open Valley" as stated by Steve Rose is "to make people aware of the repression that American Government has heaped upon its people and the people of the world."

This repression is expounded upon in the underground paper through many different topics such as prisons, the draft, Women's Liberation, the Police, drugs, the racial situation, and the problems of the minority groups.

The back cover of the second issue contains the censored copy of a paper put out in June 1970 by the inmates of the Northampton County Prison, Easton, Pa. The caption at the bottom of the page, which portrays photographs of a burned-out ghetto business, a lynched black man, some members of the American Nazi Party, the Ku Klux Klan in Washington, and a mother and child clad in Klan Regalia declares "Open Valley liberated it (this cover) to help expose the censorship and misuse of power which pervades all of our society."

"Open Valley" feels that "the root causes of urban violence are to be found within the context of the daily experience of the black man living in a racist society."

On September 3, 1970, PH T-3, who has furnished reliable information in the past, advised he overheard Steve Rose make the following statement:

"The American student is tired, bored, oppressed, and is anxious for drastic change in the institutions of this nation. He is sick of being programmed by an educational system which cares nothing about the fact he is a human being and only looks upon him as a future commodity, a salesman, an executive, a literal cog in the crushing Bureaucratic machine which rules this country.

"American young people want to be above all real. They want to feel that they have a human role in society and want to help other people feel their creative energies are being used in useful ways and not serving the interest of a few people -- the rich, the corporate executives, the Government leaders or the military generals.

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"It is becoming increasingly clear to the young people that they can't find human roles in this system which seems to have taken upon itself the role of 'Great White Protector of the World.'

"Open Valley newspaper is a product of this state of mind. It is composed of a dedicated tribe of people who want to be sure the public knows the truth.

"It will be actively sold and distributed on high school and college campuses this Fall as a creative and truthful alternative to dull textbooks and Nineteenth Century teachers.

"We will try to convince students that a real education cannot be secured in these ivory towered schools and that they have to go out in the community to learn from people and objective conditions if they are ever to know the truth.

"All power to the people."

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On September 17, 1970, Detective Captain Joseph Moyer, Bethlehem Police Department, furnished an article which appeared in the "Bethlehem Globe Times" newspaper, September 5, 1970, concerning "Underground Newspapers." The article was written by Nancy Cudlic of the "Young Scene Staff." The article said, among other things, Steve Rose returned from three months of "sugar cutting" in Cuba and felt that the Lehigh Valley needed a radical newspaper. Steve Mastronarde, one of the editors of "Open Valley" stated the underground paper is being published to let people know what is really going on, and it is hoped to eventually offer suggestions on how the power can be put into the hands of the people and how we can have a truly democratic society.

The article further stated that the staff of "Open Valley" numbers more than forty and they are mostly unpaid high school and college students. Three issues have been published. It is admittedly written by radicals because as Mastronarde pointed out, "Our viewpoint does not come across in any of the established media."

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The article continued that the "Tribe," as the staff calls itself, is buying a house in South Bethlehem, Pa., which will double as an office for "Open Valley" and as a home for the "collective," a group of youths living together. The purpose of the "collective" is to work efficiently as a unity for social change. Currently, about four tribe members are living at Steve Rose's residence.

The article reported that the paper is slowly becoming self-supporting, according to its editors. An initial investment in the paper was made by Steve Rose through the cashing of stocks his parents had invested for him. The money from these stocks has also been used to purchase the house in South Bethlehem at a cost of \$9,800. The first two issues brought in \$255 but Mastronarde stated they expected to sell all of the newly released third issue for a total of \$450. Proceeds from the paper will go entirely towards financing of the paper, the house, and feeding the "collective."

The article continued that "Open Valley" contains stories about local, national, and international problems, all written from a radical viewpoint. "We want the papers to be consistent," Mastronarde explained. "Liberals have their press, Conservatives have theirs. Now as Radicals, we have ours. We don't want inconsistent points of view."

The paper now comes out about once every three weeks because of the shortage of workers but Mastronarde stated "We'd like to see it published twice a month."

The next issue will be a special "high school" issue written by high school students of that high school community. Plans for the future include a "college issue" with basically the same purpose. The tribe has great hope for the paper and feels it will not die as have other underground newspapers in the valley.

On August 10, 1970, PH T-1 learned that Steve Rose and other leaders of "Open Valley" attended a meeting at the Malcolm X Information Center, 225 West Buttonwood Street,

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Reading, Pa. Van Curtis Shell, a black male, also a member of "Open Valley" staff, went to this same meeting alone. T-1 said that inasmuch as "Open Valley" is a rather new organization, the purpose of going to the above mentioned meeting in Reading, Pa., was to talk to William Thompson, a member of the Cadres of Malcolm X in Reading, Pa., and a college graduate.

Malcolm X is described within the characterization of Muslim Mosque, Inc., which is attached herein.

Thompson described his organization and its activities at this meeting. He mentioned his organization has not been harassed by "pigs" because the "pigs" know there will be a guaranteed retaliation by members of Malcolm X if they are harassed by the police.

Thompson also mentioned the members of Malcolm X should join rod and gun clubs and then try to obtain the key to the establishment so that some night they could burglarize the club and obtain weapons. He urged the stockpile of weapons.

Thompson said they always have to be ready; that revolution is a struggle but that they expect it.

On August 20, 1970, T-1 advised Steve Rose, Mastronarde, and a few other members of "Open Valley" went to New Haven on August 19, 1970, allegedly to attend the trial of Lonnie Mc Lucas, the Black Panther who was being tried for murder in that city. They reportedly returned from New Haven on August 20, 1970.

On August 28, 1970, Miss Jean Spade, Alternate Clerk, Local Draft Boards 89, 90, and 91, 118 North Ninth Street, Allentown, Pa., advised as follows:

Pa. Jefferson B. Vittelli, representing himself as a member of the "Open Valley" staff and an anti-draft counselor, called at the offices of Local Draft Boards 89, 90, and 91 on August 26, 1970. He copied information from the draft board bulletin. Vittelli left a paper giving instructions on how

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an anti-draft counselor could harass the draft board employees and the board members.

The paper, among other things, stated that an A-1 top priority project of the military committee of the "Open Valley" is draft board research. Not only will the information gathered be indispensable in the underground newspaper's analysis of the Lehigh Valley's involvement in the war effort, but the same information will be a much needed aid for draft counseling in the area.

The paper, among other things, then gave information about how to gather data concerning the draft board employees and the draft board members including their personal history, political thinking, occupations, and the past operations of the local draft boards.

On September 1, 1970, PH T-4 advised a Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation that Steve Rose, born [redacted] purchased a Universal .30 caliber M-1 carbine rifle, Serial # 175 763, from an Army and Navy Store in Reading, Pa., in August 1970. At the same time Van Curtis Shell, born [redacted], Negro male, 1252 Marvine Street, Bethlehem, Pa., purchased two Universal Brand, .30 caliber M-1 carbines, Serial #s 173 280 and 173 000, at the same Army and Navy Store in Reading, Pa. Steve Mastronarde, 419 Vine Street, Bethlehem, Pa., born [redacted], purchased one Universal Brand .30 caliber M-1 carbine, Serial # 175 319, also from the same store. These guns were picked up personally at the Army and Navy Store in Reading, Pa., by Rose, Mastronarde, and Shell, who paid for the guns in cash.

On September 3, 1970, T-1 advised that Rose and Mastronarde mentioned on August 30, 1970, that they had purchased guns in Reading, Pa., and had target practice that same Sunday afternoon. According to T-1, Rose and Mastronarde had previously decided that the guns would not be kept in the new "Open Valley" building they intended to occupy in Bethlehem, Pa., because if the public or police visited their building or raided the building they did not want the general public to associate "Open Valley" with guns. Also, some of its members are pacifists and did not believe in having guns or in keeping them in the building.

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According to T-1, Rose, Mastronarde, and Shell had also previously mentioned that they were purchasing the guns for defense purposes in the event that anyone they exposed in their newspaper resented the fact sufficiently to attack them physically and also that the guns would be used in the event of a revolution. Further that the guns should be purchased currently because in a few years a law may be passed which would prevent the organization of purchasing guns and they would have no guns when the revolution comes.

T-1 said that Rose had often mentioned that it was his purpose to do away with all forms of capitalism and replace capitalism in America with a socialistic state.

On September 14, 1970, T-1 advised that Rose, Mastronarde, and other principals in "Open Valley" attended the Black Panther Revolutionary Constitution Convention held in Philadelphia, September 5, 6, and 7, 1970.

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A characterization of the Black Panther Party is contained in the appendix.

On September 20, 1970, Stephen G. Rose, Steven Mastronarde, and Margaret ~~Steel~~, principals in "Open Valley," were arrested by the Easton, Pa., Police Department for violation of a curfew declared by the Easton Mayor, Fred B. Ashton, after 24 hours of disorders triggered by a racial incident causing a civil disturbance in Easton, Pa.

Rose, Mastronarde, and Steel were three of seven adults arrested in Easton September 20, 1970, for violation of curfew. They all stated they work for "Open Valley" staff and they allegedly came to Easton, Pa., to report on the civil disturbance in that city.

Margaret *Pa.*
On October 7, 1970, Rose, Mastronarde, and Steel, Supra, were arrested by the Allentown, Pa., Police Department in the vicinity of Ninth and Hamilton Streets, Allentown, while selling copies of "Open Valley." They were charged with violation of a City Ordinance requiring a license for canvassing or soliciting in Allentown. On October 8, 1970,

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a spokesman for the City's Solicitor's Office, Allentown, said that office "after much research and consultation," the city will not prosecute the three above mentioned individuals and the public sale of the newspaper "Open Valley," will be allowed.

MUSLIM MOSQUE, INCORPORATED (MMI)

The March 13, 1964 edition of "The New York Times", a daily newspaper published in New York, New York, contained an article on page 20 which indicated that MALCOLM X (LITTLE), former national official of the Nation of Islam (NOI) who broke with the NOI on March 8, 1964, publicly announced in New York City on March 12, 1964, that he had formed the Muslim Mosque, Incorporated (MMI). The MMI, according to the article, would be a broadly based politically oriented black nationalist movement for Negroes, only, financed by voluntary contributions. In this public statement, MALCOLM X urged Negroes to abandon the doctrine of non-violence when it is necessary to defend themselves in the civil rights struggle, and he also suggested that Negroes form rifle clubs to protect their lives and property in time of emergencies in areas where the government is unable or unwilling to protect them.

Incorporation papers of the MMI filed on March 16, 1964, with the Business Section, Clerk of Courts, New York County, New York, New York, reflect that the MMI was incorporated under the Religious Corporation Law of the State of New York to work for the imparting of the Islamic Faith and Islamic Religion in accordance with "accepted Islamic principals." The principal place of worship to be located in the Borough of Manhattan, New York, New York.

The May 23, 1964 edition of the "New York Amsterdam News", a weekly Negro newspaper published in New York City, contained an article by columnist JAMES BOOKER in which he indicated that he had heard that the visit by MALCOLM X with Muslim leaders during his African tour has changed him to become soft in his anti-white feelings and to become more religious.

On October 6, 1964, a confidential source advised that the MMI is apparently affiliated with the true orthodox Islamic Religion through its affiliation with the Islamic Foundation (of New York), 1 Riverside Drive, New York City. The only teachings of the MMI are on the Islamic Religion.

This confidential source advised on May 17, 1965 that the headquarters of the MMI are located in Suite 128, Hotel Theresa, 2090 Seventh Avenue, New York, New York, where they were established on March 16, 1964. These headquarters are shared with the Organization of Afro-American Unity, Incorporated (OAAU) which was also headed by MALCOLM X.

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MALCOLM X was assassinated on February 21, 1965, while addressing an OAAU rally at the Audubon Ballroom, Broadway and 166th Street, New York City.

This same confidential source advised on September 8, 1965, that the activities of the MMI following the death of MALCOLM X were limited to the teaching of classes in the Islamic religion and a class in judo for self-protection. These classes were held regularly until the latter part of July, 1965, when they were discontinued. Since then, the MMI has held no meetings and there has been absolutely no activity by the MMI which appears to be completely "dead."

NATION OF ISLAM

A source advised on January 12, 1970, the Nation of Islam (NOI), an organization for members of the black race only, had its origin in Detroit, Michigan, in the early 1930's. Headquarters is Muhammad's Temple Number 2, 5335 South Greenwood Avenue, Chicago, Illinois, which affords direction to numerous affiliate branches, commonly referred to as Muhammad's Temples or Mosques, located throughout the United States. The leader is Elijah Muhammad, self-styled "Messenger of Allah" and the only divinely appointed leader of the black race in the United States, who controls all policies and programs.

Muhammad's teachings stress Allah (God) selected him to lead the so-called Negro out of slavery in North America through establishment of an independent black nation in the United States; the white man is the "devil" and open enemy of the black man; black and white races must be separated; the white man, his Government and religion will be destroyed by Allah through the forces of nature in the "War of Armageddon," a war between Allah and the "devil." Muhammad's teachings are spread through weekly radio broadcasts throughout the United States and through "Muhammad Speaks," the official NOI organ which is published weekly in Chicago and distributed to affiliate Mosques for use in weekly sermons and for distribution to the public.

Muhammad and other NOI members have refused to comply with Selective Service Laws stating that they respect laws of the United States provided they do not conflict with NOI laws. They do not believe the Government should force them to participate in wars when they have nothing to gain.

BLACK PANTHER PARTY (BPP)
aka
Black Panther Party for Self Defense

According to the official newspaper of the BPP, the BPP was started during December, 1966 in Oakland, California, to organize black people so they can take control of the life, politics, and the destiny of the black community. It was organized by BOBBY G. SEALE, BPP Chairman, and HUEY P. NEWTON, Minister of Defense, BPP.

The official newspaper, called "The Black Panther", regularly states that the BPP advocates the use of guns and guerrilla tactics in its revolutionary program to end oppression of the black people. Residents of the black community are urged to arm themselves against the police who are consistently referred to as "pigs" who should be killed.

The newspaper, in its issue of September 7, 1968, had an article by the then Minister of Education, GEORGE MURRAY. This article ended with the following:

"Black men. Black people, colored persons of America, revolt everywhere! Arm yourselves. The only culture worth keeping is revolutionary culture. Change. Freedom everywhere. Dynamite! Black power. Use the gun. Kill the pigs everywhere."

The BPP newspaper, issue of October 5, 1968 had an article introduced with the following statement: "We will not dissent from American government. We will overthrow it."

DAVID HILLIARD, Chief of Staff, BPP, in a speech at the San Francisco Polo Field on November 15, 1969, said "We will kill Richard Nixon."

DAVID HILLIARD, in the "New York Times", issue of December 13, 1969 was quoted as follows: "We advocate the very direct overthrow of the government by way of force and violence."

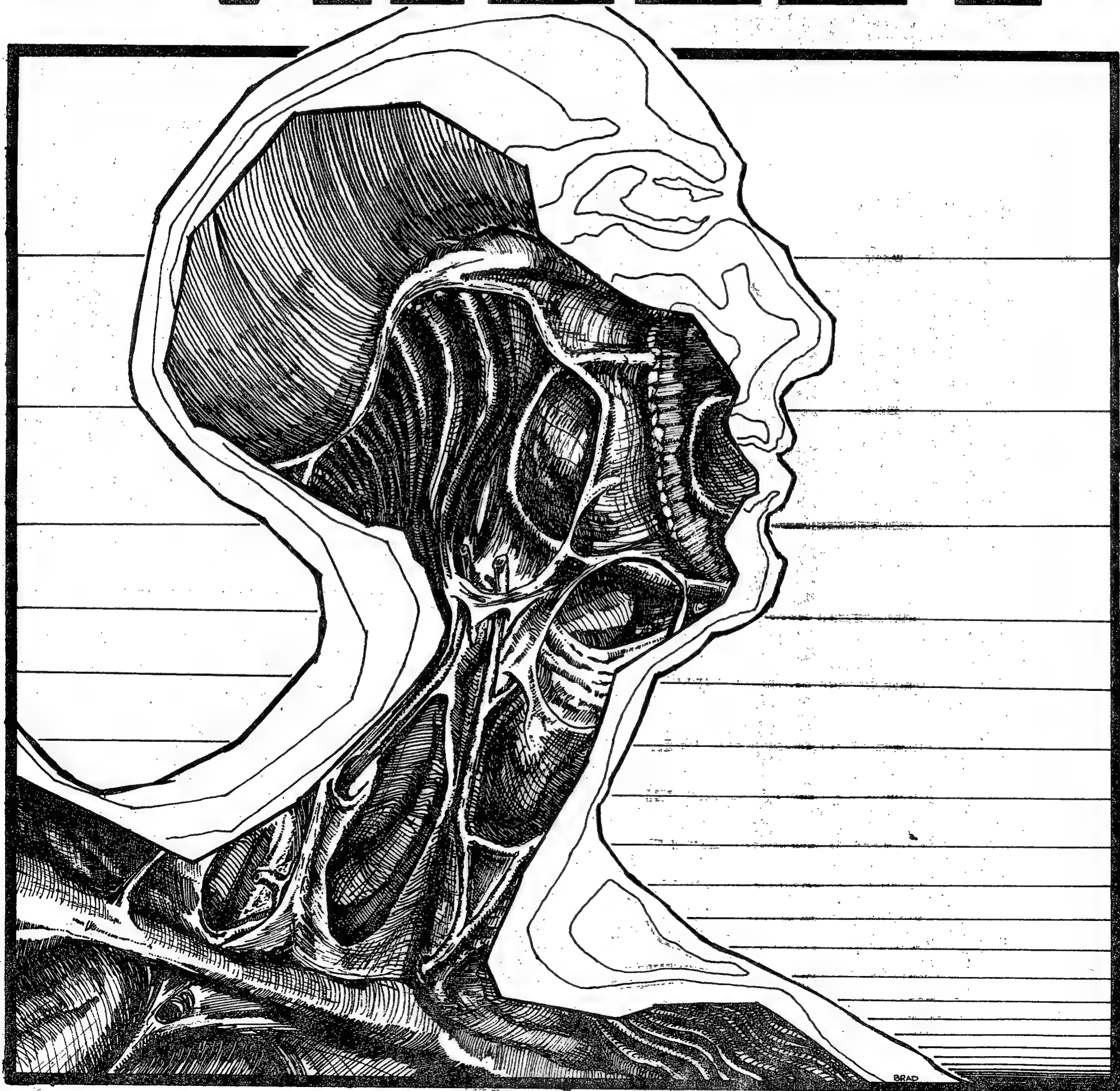
In the issue of April 25, 1970, the BPP newspaper had an article by Minister of Culture EMORY DOUGLAS as follows:

"The only way to make this racist US government administer justice to the people it is oppressing, is...by taking up arms against this government, killing the officials, until the reactionary forces...are dead, and those that are left turn their weapons on their superiors, thereby passing revolutionary judgement against the number one enemy of all mankind, the racist U. S. government."

The BPP Headquarters is located at 1046 Peralta Street, Oakland, California. Branches of the BPP, and Committees to Combat Fascism, under control of the BPP, have been established in various locations in the USA.

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Lehigh Jail: Cleaning Time

A Prison Reform Group for Lehigh County organized July 2nd. Originally centered among Confront members, it has already expanded to include sympathizers, ex-prisoners, and families of men in the Lehigh County Prison.

A primary thrust of the group is self-education. Explained Jeff Vitelli, spokesman for the group, "There is not very much about Lehigh County Prison, or the prison system, for that matter, that is clearly exposed. We've been hearing a lot from people who've been in and out, and from relatives who have visited the prisoners. We've seen a lot ourselves. Some of us have been through the Lehigh County Prison ourselves; there is an inevitable connection between drugs and prisons.

We know this much:

1) Facilities for emotional, physical, intellectual, and spiritual release and fulfillment are very inadequate in the prison.

2) Guys we know who were in and out were messed up by the experience. Certainly they were not rehabilitated.

3) The present administration is very defensive, and resistant to any changes. We suspect more."

Immediate plans of the group include research into prison conditions, both nationally through research and contact with similar groups elsewhere, and locally by interviewing Warden Albright, the prison board, and other people directly involved in the administration of the Lehigh County institution. (cont. next col.)

The political establishment is not the only media of the group. Personal contacts with prisoners are hoped for. "Some Lafayette College people and friends have been visiting thus with the women at Clinton State Farms. Just the exchange of songs and friendly vibes with inmates would be a good beginning.

"The Prison Reform Group exists," concluded Vitelli. "It needs a wide base of enthusiastic, involved, loving supporters. Only our humanity, in the end, will affect the inhumanity of Lehigh County Prison. A lot is bound to happen between now and the second issue of the *Open Valley*. You've got to come to us now. Call 435-4857. Ask questions and get involved. Remember Bastille Day."

A small light
Shines through now and then
To show me
there's something beyond the dark
Now I think
I've stumbled much too often
I should be
learning where things are.
Nancy Dymond

Who are we fighting for?

Saigon Riots

(Editor's Note: The recent uprisings of students, veterans, Buddhists, and journalists in Saigon have been largely ignored by the western press. The author, who spent three years in Vietnam in voluntary service, is a member of the Committee of Returned Volunteers.)

SAIGON (LNS)-- The current struggle started in early March as a reaction against new taxes and increased tuition in the schools. About the same time inflation reached gigantic proportions.

The first demonstration was by high school students and resulted in several arrests. Two days later the head of the Saigon Student Union was arrested and charged with being a communist instigator. This in turn touched off a series of demonstrations and arrests, including a boycott of classes at the University of Saigon supported by a majority of the students and many faculty members. During the boycott there were a number of fasts and several rallies of more than 5000 students.

About the middle of March some of Vietnam's 300,000 disabled war veterans took to the streets with wheel chairs, wooden legs and crutches. The veterans moved into Saigon and set up temporary housing in the plush lawns in front of government buildings. Police came with clubs and beat or arrested many veterans. Public outcry against the clubbings has forced police to be restrained. A loose coalition has now been formed by students and veterans who have not been able to collect pension money because the Thieu regime has found "better" uses for the funds.

In mid-April, just as demonstrations began to wane, news of the massacre of Vietnamese in Cambodia by the Lon Nol government reached Saigon. Students occupied the old Cambodian embassy and used it as a headquarters for their demonstrations which began as a protest against Lon Nol.

It soon became clear that Saigon had a hand in the massacres. Police began breaking up demonstrations against Cambodia, and the Saigon government, which had remained strangely silent on the massacres, recognized the Lon Nol regime. Refugees from Cambodia told of fleeing from Lon Nol's troops and being rescued and escorted to the border by NLF and DRV troops, who had to fight off attacks by the Saigon army as well.

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Who Owns Women's Legs

The controversial fashion note of this year—the midi—is causing incidents one might never have believed the length of a skirt could cause. The new midi mode is utterly repulsive to the tastes of many men and women alike; but there is more to be considered of the midi than just its beauty (or lack of it). Foremost at this time, the style is responsible for the outright exploitation of women by its manufacturers and even its retailers.

Even a moderate follower of the women's liberation movement cannot help but be appalled at the changes a few extra inches of material are creating. The fashion industry's new gimmick covers not only the knees and a better part of the leg, but also the wrong being done to the women who are directly, if not willingly, involved in its manufacture and sale.

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Our Man on the Street asks valley residents:

Who do you feel has the real power in the United States today?

"Big-Business. They have the power, the money to do whatever they want. They have the money to pay lobbyists, something an individual is unable to do."

Dennis Krimm, teacher,
Bethlehem

"I don't know. It's either between Big-Business and labor, one of those two or both."

Francis Miho, welder
Bethlehem

"As far as I know, it's the young."

Mike Binella, worker
Fountain Hill Mills,
Bethlehem

"I don't know. In my opinion the government is full of shit."

Anonymous House wife,
Bethlehem

"I feel the young people should. They're the ones who are going to run it in the future. Right now your business has more power than anybody, which is wrong. They say we don't have a monopoly, but I feel we do."

Barry Beck, truck driver,
Bethlehem

"Some people generalize and say the politicians, some say the young people, some say the liberals, some say the conservatives. The people are supposed to. Whether they have it is another story. It all depends on whether they want it or not."

Mrs. Zimmerman, housewife,
Bethlehem

"I think that business does. They control the House and the Senate."

Katie Brendel, student,
Bethlehem

"In my considered opinion, the country is run by the 'over-thirty' generation who lived through the depression and W.W.II. I classify them as the American Freak Generation. Having lived through the only severe depression in American history it is no wonder that they are trading their freedom for security, and I don't wonder at all why they are leading this country down the flag-waving road to facism."

Chris Wright, student,
Bethlehem

RADICAL MOVIE

The Salt of the Earth

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It was all very legal. The good citizens of Nazareth threatened to get a court injunction to prevent a rock festival from being held in their town. The promoter could have taken it to court. But even if "America's Swift Justice" would have allowed it, a court decision would not have come until November or December, and outdoor rock festivals just don't go over well in the snow. John Maxwell, the festival promoter, is now looking for a new site for his concert. Hopefully he will realize the futility of getting a local setting, since "Lehigh Valley Hospitality" is just a commercial facade, and does not apply to anyone who looks or thinks young.

This paper contains no phosphates.

to the youth of AMERIKA

What bothers me most about my fellow students is their tendency, once they've discovered that the world of their parents and teachers is irrelevant, to say, "Screw it; the establishment is so big and powerful, I'll never change it. As long as I think I'm free and don't get caught up in a nine-to-five job, I'll be happy."

I felt this way last winter, but the weakness and contradictory nature of this argument just tore away at my insides.

In this system through which we have grown and developed, thousands of situations and people have gnawed at us and tried to shove us into molds which never were made for humans. Television commercials created in our heads false and illusory needs, chrome-bedazzled sex symbols, and longer and longer cigarettes as substitute phalluses. Parents tried to tell us to be reasonable and proper and nice, but what they really meant was: don't rock our fragile world in which we've worked so hard to get two cars and an air-conditioned home. Our parents are sterile; we prefer a community of life to their plastic and sick existences. Teachers were bent on telling us that this was the greatest country in the world, where all men were treated equally. But we found out for ourselves. We found black people concentrated in rundown, disease-ridden, filthy ghettos and not because they wanted to be there, but because all the white people were too busy protecting what was their own.

We've found our leaders to be hypocrites, and the media only their maidservant, carrying out their disgusting purposes.

So what do we do? Simply to drop out and say we're free is insufficient. We look back and see Gargantua, still devouring our brothers and sisters, still dividing them against themselves by making them compete for "A's" and "B's" in so-called public schools, still inviting them to suburbia to dine on the flesh of the world, still charging black people double the prices that whites pay for far superior goods, still supporting an Asian state whose leaders admire Adolph Hitler and jail more people on political grounds than any other country on earth. Then we say to ourselves, we aren't free and can never be free until this stops for good.

Then we know we have to struggle. Then we know we have to fight till the monster cries bloody murder as we choke and twist it to the earth. Then we know that no one can be free unless he fights against the forces which are attempting to steal his freedom.

If we don't struggle, we're only brains without bodies; we're sick, introverted, escapist, tripping artists with all the answers but not the guts to act on them. I look forward to the day when the youth of Amerika finds its body, lays it on the line and says, "You ain't messin' with our lives no more; we're runnin' this show now!"

definitions:

America (a-mer-i-ca) 1. The lands of the Western Hemisphere; specifically, either of the two continents, North America or South America. 2. A popular patriotic hymn written by S.F. Smith; also the tune to which it is sung, that of the English "God Save the King."

Amerika (a-mer-i-ca) colloq. Term used to denote militant, foul, ugly, un-Christian or uncouth, soul-less practices that have taken place within the American continents; synonymous with "Agnew's Dream".....

the open valley tribe

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BEAUTY

I sat next to Beauty
One night in a bar.

In the mirror before us
I saw the comparison.

She is bright and colorful
I am dull and plain.

She is sophisticated
I am childish.

She sells her beauty.
She does not know with each sale
She loses some.

I hear my name called.
I see the one my heart goes out to.

"Why do you call me?
I am not Beauty"

"No, my darling.
You are Love."

Matty Magliane

HYSTERIA

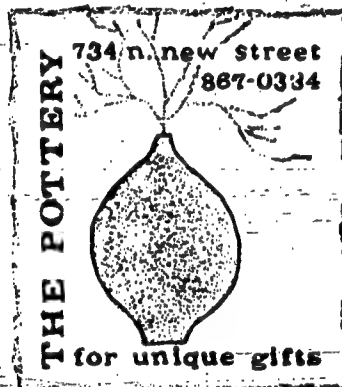
They had a new model of the American Dream in the showroom for the Fourth of July. I guess it was supposed to be a big surprise, because they had it all wrapped up in something called Honor America Day, with pretty girls and Billy Graham and national television ("Let's start talking about what's right with this country..."). They tried hard, and I have to admire anyone who tries hard, but it was disappointing. What came out of it was "Bob Hope's Amateur Comedy Hour and American Dream," which I'm afraid could never compete with "Bonanza" or even "The Dating Game." It was just a bad show....

"Honor America" seems to be a part of the game today. But which one should we honor? I mean I see two Americas. The first is the America of history books and folklore: Abe Lincoln, the flag, July 4th, Boy Scouts, Disneyland.. It would be easy to live with this America, easy to accept it and honor it and forget it in some tidy and obscure corner of my mind.

But there is another America that I keep seeing around me and on television; it is the America of "Bob Hope's...Dream", of Dinah Shore with plastic hair, of Miami Beach and Las Vegas, of Vietnam. It is this other America which confuses and frightens people. Because in order for them to honor America of the Flag they must also honor an America that is plasticity and commercialism and poor taste. In order for them to believe Disneyland they must also believe an America that is Vietnam....

Bob Hope's Dream is a hallucination. It is a product of a personality that has been fractured by the contradictions of its nature. It is a retreat for those people who refuse to see that their America is really two Americas. Bob Hope's Dream is the fantasy world of the schizophrenic.

Who carries the sickness? Is it in me, because I see two Americas where there should be only one? Or are the schizophrenics those who also recognize the disparity, but who somehow try to ignore it? Who live Bob Hope's Dream because they cannot cope with a reality that includes both Disneyland and Vietnam? Who must constantly tell themselves, yes please God, we can have one without the other.

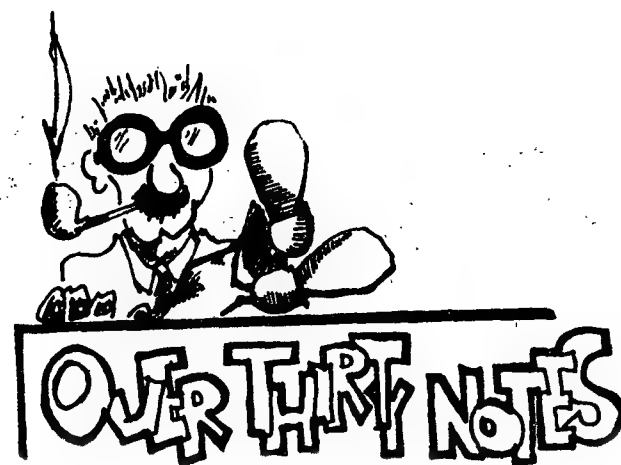


We hold these truths to be self-evident, that all men are created equal, that they are endowed by their Creator with certain unalienable rights, that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness.

That whenever any form of government becomes destructive of these ends, it is the Right of the People to alter or to abolish it, and to institute a new Government....

Liberal institutions straightway cease from being liberal the moment they are soundly established; once this is attained no more greivous and more thorough enemies of freedom exist than liberal institutions.

--Nietzsche



FACT, FICTION OR EMOTION

No one person or group is all right, or all wrong. Between the extremes, part true and part false, a bit of good, a lot of bad, slightly prejudiced, mostly not. The variation that is each persons character is a product of genetic make-up, environmental stresses, educational and social forces, anatomic and physical capabilities. Bigots and old men cannot change, because their minds have become a locked-in template of repeated experiences. As reporters of fact the only persons who can be reached are those whose minds are still receptive to change.

Facts, well presented, will reach more people than will facts colored by emotion, or tainted by fiction or by pure emotion.

WHAT PLACE

There is great need for a place to go in Allentown. Where the wandering generation can hang in with friends, or a rock group could practice or a real group play, where nothing much happens but more than no place.

The "ALL-AMERICAN CITY" is fine for over 30 and under 10, with bars and X-movies, stores, an art museum and a park. Little League and swimming pools for kids who are in bed by 9. But the off-the-street-after-10 o'clock people must stay in their cars or get busted for loitering.

The powers that disallow places to gather must fear the actions and motives of youth, don't trust them because they don't know them, and don't care because they are too complacent in their power.

DRUGS

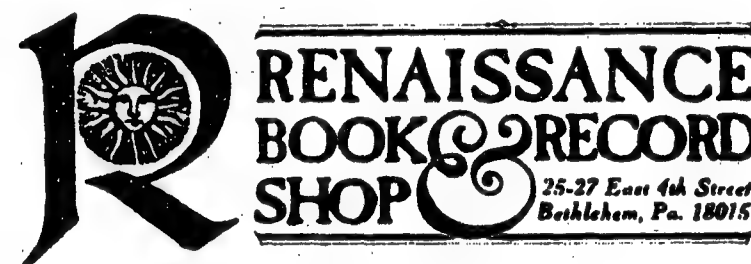
...reflect part of the sickness of our society; it has become an epidemic, and as such when the cure is found will gradually regress so that only sporadic cases will occur. Like alcoholism, only those who can admit their own problem will have a chance to be helped.

THE FLAG

...is a symbol. It does not mean patriotism. It does not mean Nixon. It does not mean the cops, or the Army, or establishment greed. It is what we are, where we live, our signpost and our identity: our country has made many mistakes. But consider how much respect other countries must have for our now-forgotten policies of help the poor, keep the peace, etc..., if they still respect us even in our domineering ways. It is like the once proud and strong father who has since gone bad. Put him to bed, but don't bury him. His ideas and love are what made us strong.

IT IS A SHAME

...to think that to fly the flag is beginning to mean, "I am pro-Agnew, against long hair, anti-communist: I am a real American."



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Police Smash Hit At Rock Festival

BATON ROUGE, LA. (LNS-6/24/70)--The "Man and Earth Festival" in Baton Rouge was supposed to be three days of music, peace and ecology speakers. Close to 100,000 people turned up at Thunderbird Amusement Park for the festival May 29-31. I had hopes that it would not be just another hedonistic hippie binge, but a step in political consciousness for those of us who participated. The type of consciousness that developed, however, was not directly related to ecology. Instead, many people were rudely shocked into the consciousness of what it is like to live in a police state where secret police are free to do anything to anyone without fear of reprisal.

Before the festival started, the Livingston Sheriff's Department set up a police compound adjacent to the Festival grounds and a camp directly behind the stage. A large number of local thugs had been deputized, officers were brought in from all over Louisiana, and a large number of fanatically dedicated long-haired narcs were brought in, mostly from New Orleans. The compound was furnished with a radio and communications truck from Jefferson Parish (New Orleans), tables and typewriters for booking prisoners, and tents and cots where the officers were housed around the clock.

Narcs wearing wigs made periodic raids into unsuspecting festival crowds grabbing people indiscriminately and dragging them off to the compound as quickly and quietly as possible. Sometimes people in the area of such a bust would see what was happening and start yelling "raid" or "pigs." When this occurred the narcs grabbed anyone they

could get their hands on and charged them with "inciting to riot."

About 2 a.m. Sunday morning, after the music had stopped, I was walking on the beach when I saw several narcs dragging a brother out of the crowd and beating him. I had just been taking pictures of the bands and had my cameras with me. I closed in to get some pictures but as I snapped the shutter several narcs rushed me. They ripped off my camera and my eyeglasses and dragged me to a nearby squad car. The brother they were beating was shoved into the car with me and we were zipped into the compound. Neither of us knew about the compound and it was so close to the crowd that for a few confused minutes I thought we had been taken to the festival office. We sat handcuffed as deputies and narcs cursed us, stepped on our hands, pulled our hair, and "questioned" us. They tried to get us to confess to all sorts of outrageous fantasies.

When I refused to answer their absurd questions, a cop squeezed my handcuffs until they bit into my wrists painfully. He then stood by until he saw that my hands had become numb and weren't hurting so badly, then he squeezed the handcuffs again. He did this three times. My left hand is still numb five days later.

Suddenly about 20 cops crowded around the tent as a brother charged with "inciting to riot" was shoved in and ordered to strip. A cop slammed his harmonica into his eye, sprayed his face with mace, and asked him sadistically if he was having a good trip. The brother related this to me in jail, but part of it he didn't have to tell me about... I saw him rolling on the ground in the center of the tent as cops kicked him.

Another brother went into the next tent and I didn't see what happened to him. Fortunately, most of the cops' wrath had been vented on the first one and they didn't mess the second one up too badly. Next they shoved my face into the tent; my hands were handcuffed behind my back and they grabbed my hair and shoved my face into the tent wall. About 15 or 20 cops stood around the tent in a circle and gawked as I stripped and a narc looked up my ass to see if I had any drugs concealed there. When I had my hands behind my back putting my shirt on, a uniformed cop slugged me in the eye and knocked me down. They handcuffed my hands behind my back again and began shoving me out. A cop who was standing beside the door slugged me in the solar plexus.

They sat me down in front of a typewriter to book me and again began asking me all sorts of questions. I said that legally I didn't have to tell them anything, but my name and address, without an attorney present. One of the narcs stuck his head in my face and said that if I didn't tell them what they wanted to know they would take me back in the tent and beat me again. I then asked if I could make a phone call. They refused my request and told me if I asked again they'd take me back into the tent.

The Livingston Parish jail was full, so I was sent to the East Baton Rouge Parish prison. I was out in a cell with over 20 other festival brothers. There were no beds so we slept on the concrete floor. Later I was strip-searched again, sprayed for lice, and forced to don a prison uniform. Twenty-seven of us were put in a cell lined with books for the next two days. There were brothers there from all over the South and in spite of the cops' best efforts the cell began to take on a party atmosphere. We discovered that we could get high just off of each others' company; there was nothing that could stop us. One brother pointed out that it was the police who were really in prison since they have to come to jail eight hours every day, but we were all going to get out and be free.

A Newsweek reporter had been busted for asking questions Sunday night. He was released Monday before the rest of us had even been allowed to make a phone call. After 36 hours we were finally allowed to make a phone call. On the third night I was transferred to the Livingston Parish jail. It was truly a pig sty. There

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LETTUCE GO

CENTER, Colo. (LNS) -- The San Luis Valley in Colorado, cited officially by the Federal government as a "Starvation Area," is the scene of a mounting strike by Chicano workers who live and work in almost feudal conditions. Starting June 3, the workers unanimously voted to strike two major lettuce producers in the area, Fresh Pict and Lee Consual, and have asked supporters to boycott the companies nationwide.

Most of the lettuce workers are women, men under 21, and younger children. They are demanding a pay raise from \$1.40 an hour to \$2.00, and a raise in Chicano supervisors pay from \$1.60 to \$2.50 an hour. The strikers are also demanding that the big growers recognize their union, Dicho y Hecho (Word and Deed). The union has already been recognized by the United Farmworkers Organizing Committee (UFWOC), and its founder, Cesar Chavez, is also planning to help organize the Colorado lettuce strike and boycott.

The power structure in the San Luis Valley is a carbon copy of its California and Texas counterparts -- 100% white and willing to use any tactics necessary to break strikes. Since the strike began, the Sheriff of Center has deputized all the growers so as to better protect their "property." The growers are also importing Chicano scabs, most of whom come from Mexico and are on 72-hour "passes" granted by the U.S. government at the request of the growers, who automatically renew the passes every three days until the end of the harvest.

Local police took the other way when white vigilante groups in the area beat up Chicanos regularly. And local white merchants assault the striking workers economically by constantly upping food prices: milk has reached over \$1.90 a gallon in Center stores. In addition, striking workers are refused both food stamps and unemployment compensation by local and state officials.

Four Chicana women, who would normally have given birth to their children in wooden shacks without the aid of doctors, recently had to go to a local hospital because of pre-natal complications. The hospitals in the area don't usually perform services for Chicanos. In this case, however, an "exception" was made. The women gave birth and were released soon afterwards, only to find that their babies are being held by the hospital until the women pay for the services. The women, who are on strike, have no income to pay the hospital bills.

Growers have made a practice of visiting jails on Monday to see which Chicano males have been arrested. They seek out the best workers pay their fines, and thus force the workers to pay off their "gratitude" in scab field work, rather than face heavy jail terms. Potato pickers in this area, whose seasonal work follows that of the lettuce workers, face the same bulwark of repression and trickery that the growers can command.

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Coronation In '72

New York (LNS) President Nixon has hired the Rand Corporation to investigate the possibility that disruptions by "radical elements" may make it "unsafe" to hold national elections in 1972.

William Howard, a reporter on the Washington, D. C. staff of the conservative Newhouse Newspaper Chain, uncovered the story April 5. On April 24, the Wall Street Journal made it front page news.

Rand is a research and "think tank" corporation, originally created by the Air Force. According to Howard's sources, Rand's study would "envision a situation where rebellious factions using force or bomb threats would make it unsafe to conduct an election." The study would provide the President with a plan of action. The study was ordered because the President's advisors are "increasingly concerned about the country's internal security...."

The Wall Street Journal interpreted that statement to mean: "Nixon men find a rumor hard to spite--that the Rand Corporation is studying the idea of cancelling the 1972 elections if radicals threaten to disrupt it." Those who remember 1968--Chicago, Gene and Bobby and Wallace--might think the 1972 elections won't be much anyway. Some may remember Adolph Hitler, who in 1933 outlawed all German parties after Nazis burned down the legislature (The Reichstag), blamed it on the Communists, and a year and a half later, elections were suspended.

The Rand study, at least, is top secret, and reporters have not discovered exactly what it is about. For instance, will it determine what conditions would allow or encourage Nixon to cancel elections, or will it decide what Nixon could do if the electoral process is discredited amid general protests against the actions of the government?

In any case, newsmen in Los Angeles and New York talking with people from Rand have confirmed Howard's "good" sources that some study relating to elections and levels of protest is being made for the President.

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Woman As Spider

Unnerving in her certainty
Within without she spins a web
And covertly with thoughts so deep
That bogs of quicksand can't compare
To the alluring horrors of her snare

Innocently trap themselves
Her victims who without a sense
Of unity to bind their strength
Are drained of blood. In recompense
She spins a shroud-white winding sheet
That any cloud might envy

--Nancy Dymond

And we'll all go a mourning
picking colored flowers from the field
to bloom again in black and white
arranged in rows like newspaper print
stoically hanging their p's and q's

Flowers losing precious lifeblood
to curved and hollow vases

--Nancy Dymond

What happens to a dream deferred?
Does it dry up
like a raisin in the sun?
Or fester like a sore --
And then runs.
Does it stink like rotten meat?
Or crust and sugar over --
Like a syrupy sweet?
Maybe it just sags
Like a heavy load
OR DOES IT EXPLODE?

-- Langston Hughes

-Black Student Shot in the Back

Lee Jenkin's back, left arm, and side are full of buckshot. The pellets may remain there forever; they may work themselves out. It would be too dangerous to his health to remove them surgically.

Lee, who calls himself Rap, is an angry 25-year-old black man and an expert on black history. As a youth he was labelled "incorrigible," incapable of learning. He's been to Viet Nam. This past year he was a freshman at Kutztown State and helped lead a black sit-in, demanding greater rights for black students. He received threats against his life at that time.

On Sunday night, June 21, Rap reports that he heard noises outside his mobile home in Fleetwood, Pa. He walked behind the trailer to investigate. Finding nothing, he turned to walk back, and a shotgun blast riddled his back left side and arm. A doctor at Allentown Hospital said if the shot had been any higher, Rap might now be dead.

Rap grew up in Reading and after serving 2 years in the service, he and 9 other "incorrigible" young blacks were hired by the Community Action Training School, a group designed to help Reading's black people solve their community and personal problems. The school was funded by the United Fund, but when that money ran out, Reading's Afro-American Cultural Center hired Rap in a similar capacity. All this time he taught Black history at a Liberation School.

Four of Rap's group of ten went on to college. At Kutztown he gave seminars on Black history and spoke at Fleetwood and Whitehall High Schools. There were 65 blacks at Kutztown this year; in a student body of 3,900 that's less than a 2% black enrollment. This poor figure is not an exceptional case in Pennsylvania state-

owned colleges. All 14 schools except for Cheyney State (which is 80% black), had an average 98 to 2 black-white ratio. In March, 1969, HEW issued a statement reporting that the racial balance at Pennsylvania state-owned colleges represented de facto segregation. Since then black enrollment increased only 1% for all 14 colleges combined.

In April Rap and the other Kutztown blacks presented the school administration with a petition of 11 demands asking that Kutztown change its philosophy and practice toward blacks and minority group students. The central demand was that first semester grades be optional for black freshmen. "Since these students were mostly recruited because they were black and not because they met the usual academic standards, it is only fair that the college follow-through by giving their academic progress special attention. Moreover, arrival at a tradition-bound, overwhelmingly white, middle-class college in a rural white town is a jolting and alienating experience for urban blacks," says Rap. Fifteen to twenty black freshmen were admitted without the usual SAT scores.

Other demands were: an extra semester for every black; adequate tutorials (those promised to blacks before admission were inadequate and poorly scheduled; a black advisor of the student's choice; black representation on student policy-making bodies; adequate black enrollment; allowance for blacks with low averages to remain at Kutztown to raise their averages; a black culture room; more black professors; lengthened evening library hours; and black recruiting financed by the school and under the control of black students.

The President's answer to the blacks said effectively that special allowances were not to be granted to blacks. Not to

be intimidated, Rap and 55 other Kutztown blacks picketed outside Old Main, an administration and classroom building, and staged a sit-in inside. For a week, they conducted rap-ins and teach-ins in Old Main, informing the student body of the need for the 11 demands. At this time crosses were burned on campus and Ku Klux Klan nightgowns were sighted. The college administration also tried to defame the blacks by inviting Kutztown students at random to look at the supposedly sub-par records of the black students. After eight days of picketing and sitting-in, the State Attorney General, no less, served the strikers an injunction, pinning their crime at conspiracy to commit an unlawful act, that of lying-in and sitting-in and obstructing entrance and exit to Old Main.

The injunction stated that the demonstrators could no longer assemble in groups larger than two at any time in any university building. The 56 complied with the injunction and left peacefully. A hearing was scheduled for 5 days later, but was then suspended indefinitely.

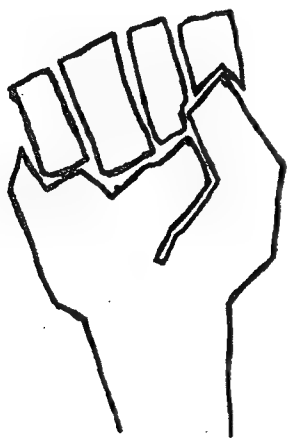
Rap reports that as an aftermath, 22 of 36 blacks accepted as freshmen for next fall have refused to come to Kutztown. Rap himself travelled to New England to follow the student strike and enroll in another college for next fall. At Boston University he helped to form a "communiversity," which plans to extend free university courses to the surrounding community. At MIT, the New England Regional Strike Center was formed with his assistance, and in Cambridge, he fought Harvard University, which was evicting lower class tenants from university-owned apartments to make room for students and faculty.

Rap made the mistake of coming home to Fleetwood in June. As we go to press, the police have not yet produced a suspect.

by kelly

you'll have to forgive me for
i have not memorized the lies
you want me to say.
i am not prepared to be the ass
you want me to be.
pardon me if i tell you that i
don't have the right to classify
and stamp other people who have
different views as anarchists and
hippie-revolutionists.

you call me a rebel-revolutionist.
to be a radical is to be shat upon.
to be a radical is to look around and find
that your 'friends' have deserted you.
to be a radical is to be exiled or shot
or jailed by the time you're 40.
to be a radical is to be classified in herds
and treated like cattle.
to be a radical is to say i want to be happy
and it is unfortunate that it is outside the
system.
to be a radical is to place your life on the
line,
to take a chance knowing full well that
the system says you will lose.
to be a radical is to be ostracized from the
country for which you have a greater respect
than the establishment does.
to be a radical is to open your eyes and try
to
steer by something else rather than blind
faith.
i can't take it anymore...



Riot-helmeted deputy-sheriff of Berks County issues strikers conspiracy injunction. Left top: Lloyd Norman III; Left bottom: Rap.

The following was circulated through Kutztown at the time of the sit-in:

ANNOUNCEMENT

Black Students will hold teach-ins in the concourse of Old Main starting Monday, April 20, starting at 10 a.m. for commuters and for resident students at 7 p.m.

By a teach-in, we mean not separate rap-ins, not just explaining and re-explaining black demands to different people but we will teach education on five different aspects.

We will discuss the following:

1. Racism
2. What "Black" is at Kutztown
3. Why white students feel that we are wrong
4. Value of total education
5. Half-truths at Kutztown

INTRODUCTION

Even if the black students get their 11 demands we will have gained nothing if the white students do not understand their validity. This is for the students who are interested and want to know what is going on, this is for the students who are afraid of black people or who have not been around a lot of black people. Education is the end result of learning that which is applicable. Can you - a white student graduating from Kutztown - go into the ghetto and teach black children? Our purpose is not to turn white Kutztown into a black Kutztown, but our purpose is to turn this educational institution into an educational institution more relevant to the needs of all the students. If the white students feel that the black demands are hurting them in any way, this is due to the "uneducation" that you are getting in this educational institution.

Q: Rap, what is your opinion of northern schools?

A: Most people talk about how segregated the schools are in the south because now the kids are being bussed back and forth to school. But they talk very little about northern schools. As I have traveled around Pennsylvania and other northern states, I have found that most schools here are de facto segregated. That is, since different races live in different areas, the neighborhood schools are, in fact, segregated. Take Allentown, for instance, Allentown has a population of about 2,000 blacks and Puerto Ricans, and they are mostly located in the southeastern part of town and the majority of them go to schools in that area, like Dieruff, William Allen, Whitehall, Fleetwood, and Brandywine are almost totally white schools. I went to New York and found out that the same thing happens there. The inner city schools are predominantly black; the suburban schools are white. In Boston, the same story.

These communities are not thinking about bussing because of innate white racism. When bussing occurred in Central Chicago, parents got all upset, started rock-throwing and protesting. That potential lies in most northern communities.

Q: What are the educational differences between black schools and white schools?

A: We'll take Philadelphia for instance. Phila. urban schools are on the whole black, and the majority of these schools are vo-tech, although there are some academic schools with standards far below those of white academic schools. Take Drexel Hill, for instance. In Drexel Hill, a white suburban institution, you have all different types of chemistry, math, and foreign languages. In academic schools in center city Philadelphia, you do not normally have these courses or, if you do, it is very, very rare that a student receives the same quality instruction as in a white school.

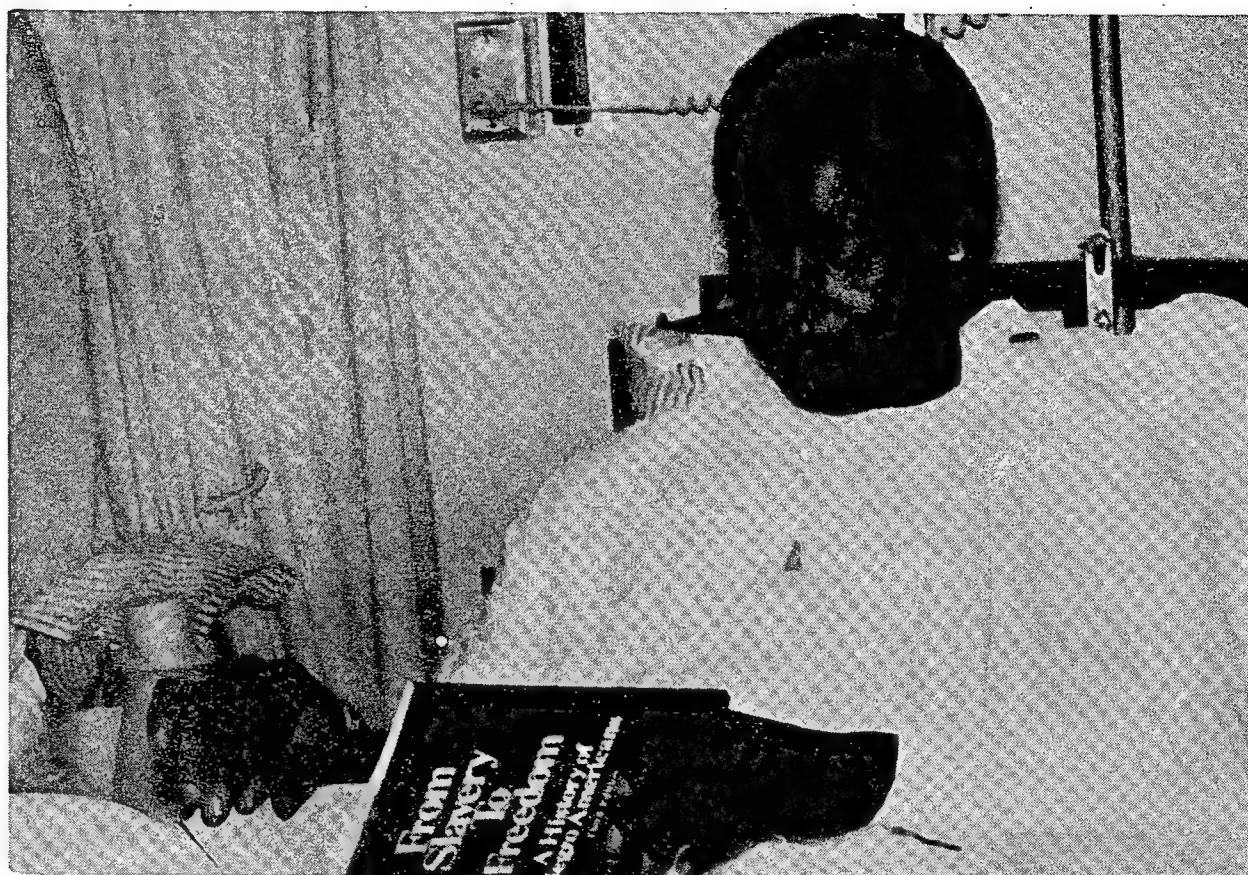
Let's take a look at colleges. Cheyney, 80% black, and West Chester, predominately white, are a mile apart from each other. The academic and nutritional standards at Cheyney State are far below those of West Chester.

Q: Rap, you've had a lot of experience with the law and we would like you to compare the treatment that blacks and whites receive from the police and other government officials on the streets and in the courts.

A: Well, in Reading, you are allowed to stand on the street corner in a crowd of more than two people if you are white, but if you happen to be black, and you are in a group waiting at a bus stop, police will more than likely come up and ask for identification and ask where you are going. If you refuse, you will probably be arrested for disorderly conduct and fined a minimum of \$15. If a black person comes up at a police court and is charged with disorderly conduct, his fine will more than likely be \$301.25, whereas a white person being charged with the same offense would be charged \$29.25. If a black person is charged with a burglary he would be put under \$5,000 bail, while a white person, caught in the act of burglary, would receive only \$1,000 bail. Police have their cars parked in the black area of Reading all the time, and they will harass you if you are out on the streets. If you are in front of your own house, they will tell you to go inside. They will bring dogs on the street over there, but they would not do this in a white area. In the white Northeast section of town, they will have one policeman parked so far away from the residents' houses that you would hardly know he's there. Or they patrol through the area at different times to check and see if someone unusual is in the area - always trying to protect the white neighborhood from outsiders.

Q: Could you describe the prison conditions in Berks County? I understand you've done some time there.

A: Well, first of all, I'll talk about the Reading police lock-up, which is in the police station basement. When you're in there, you cannot see outside - you are downstairs, in a cage-like cell with a slab of steel for a bed, a toilet without a seat, and no wash basin.



From there, you are taken to the Berks County Prison, which is located 8 miles out of Reading on top of a hill. Each "permanent" prisoner has a cell which has a bed, toilet facilities and an ear plug for radio listening. Transient prisoners are each put into one cell with a mattress, toilet facilities, and wash basin, but they have only one blanket in the winter time, and one sheet in the summer time. They have a weave room where the majority of the prisoners work making rugs to sell outside people. Each prisoner receives for his daily work one pack of "Bill Durham" cigarettes and that is all. The food, which is cooked by the prisoners, is served on metal trays. It consists of various starches, two vegetables, and very rarely - meat. You are allowed to see the doctor only when you come into the prison and only if you are on your death bed. And this goes on day in and day out.

RAP RAPS

Q: What was your treatment by the other prisoners?

A: Prison guards and prisoners harassed you if you didn't pay your way. That is, if you didn't pay the guards to do favors for you, they forgot you and abused you. If someone outside brought you money, you could exchange it for tickets to use at the jail canteen. Those prisoners who were rich and had a surplus of tickets charged amazing rates of interest on ticket loans.

Black prison workers are not blacks, but Negroes. They care only for themselves, and couldn't care if you were a brother or not.

Q: What do you think of the revolution in America?

A: The revolution is between the oppressed and the oppressor. The oppressed being the people exploited by the capitalists, and the oppressors being the capitalist pigs.

Racism has a lot to do with it, too, because it's being used as a tool to keep the white and black lower classes at ends with each other, instead of combining against the privileged class.

Q: Give us some of your opinions of the Kent State and Jackson State episodes.

A: Let's start with the Boston Massacre of 1770. There were four people killed and four injured by the police, the Law, which came in the form of British troops. These people were killed for throwing snowballs at the army.

Now take the 1970 Kent State massacre. Four people were killed for throwing objects at the National Guard. The ROTC was the catalyst for this demonstration, but they were protesting within their legal rights. History is repeating itself.

Q: What about Jackson State?

A: Well, you see, at Jackson State, the three people who were killed were blacks who were fired upon in their dorms by police. This wasn't greatly publicized because the government is afraid of the general public's knowledge of black oppression.

What we need now is a coalition between young blacks and whites. It is our duty to change the government so it can no longer represent the masses of people.

Q: What do you think can be done to bring about a change in the American society?

A: I think that the change should start with the education of the people to ignore the education of the Man.

Q: How can you promote this type of education?

A: It should be started in the lower grades, at home, and on the streets. Then you've got to work your way up into the colleges. There has to be discussion between blacks and the white establishment to clear up a lot of old myths about blacks. You don't know how dumb a person is until he opens his mouth.

Q: What are some of your philosophies?

A: I think that we must understand each other more, and live with each other more. If we can do this, we'll be able to obtain the 'American Dream.'

We must also stop showing our power and pushing 'Americanism' in foreign countries.

We must support each other to unite the peoples of the world.

Q: How did you get started in this movement?

A: Back in grade school I could see black oppression, and the power in the hands of the whites, so I tried to be white. In the service, black meant a second class citizen who had to do all the menial jobs. Then, I heard speeches by Malcolm X, Rap Brown, Stokely Carmichael, and Whitney Young, who were then the black leaders of the country. They inspired me to once more be a black man, and, I decided to do everything I could to support my cause. This was my reason for going to Kutztown and Emerson in order to become a black history teacher.

Q: Do you have any closing words for us, Rap?

A: There is a revolution now and it will become a major revolution within six years. We must teach people to live with each other to form a Utopian society. I will try to make this country a beautiful country.

He who knows not, and knows not that he knows not, is a fool, shun him.
He who knows not, and knows that he knows not, is a child, teach him.
He who knows, and knows not that he knows, is asleep, wake him.
He who knows, and knows that he knows, is wise, follow him.

Persian Proverb

Female Limbs For Sale

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Take for instance, a situation which exists in one area ladies' apparel factory. This factory has accepted a large order for midi style dresses. Most of them are made of heavy materials, such as wool and gabardine, and are difficult to work on. Along with the trouble of extra lengths of bulky fabrics and added frills--i.e., lace, bows, two layers of fabric in one dress to produce the old-maid schoolteacher look--these dresses are consuming the piece rate which many sewing operators can usually attain. Work on the midi allows a maximum rate of eight to ten garments an hour. This is quite meager considering the average rate for normal garments is one and a half to two and a half dozen per hour. Yet, rates for work on these dresses have been increased only nominally, hardly enough to allow sewing operators to "make good."

Considering the financial status of most women who work in sewing factories, the sewing of the midi can almost be a return to the sweatshop days when, indeed, the midi was the accepted style and the exploitation of women was commonplace. Why should a woman today be forced to work under these conditions, manufacturing a dress which she and most women wouldn't be caught dead in. Meanwhile she is losing money which she needs for the support of her family. But the loss of a job would be worse than raking-in less than two dollars an hour.

Another group of female workers who are faced with similar problems are the employees of large department stores, especially in cities like New York or Philadelphia. These salesgirls are required, starting in late August or early September, to don their newly purchased midis and to wear them faithfully, at the risk of losing their positions with the firm. Are the retailers so afraid of a loss from this style that mandatory consumption is necessary? Many of them are housewives working to supplement their family's income; others are students working their way through school. The average cost of a midi, the type suitable for sales work, is about thirty dollars. For a five-day work week, at least three of these skirts would be needed. Most of these women cannot afford an entire new skirt and dress wardrobe, and do not want it if it will consist of the midi.

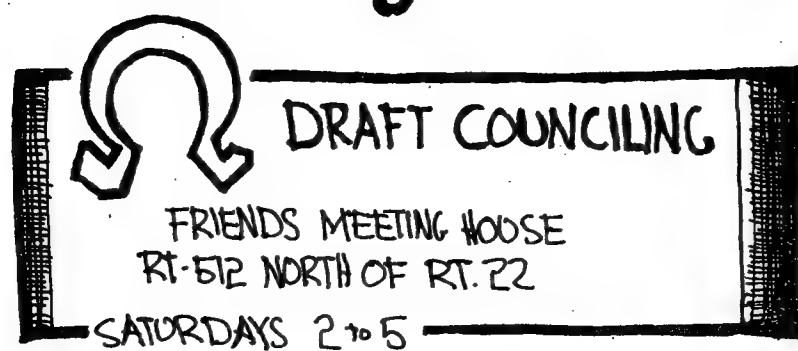
And do the master planners of the fashion business (probably mostly men) still think so little of women as to believe that they will readily succumb to high-pressure manufacturing and selling tactics. For years now corporation chiefs have been promoting fads to keep the profits rolling in--among them, NEW! Improved! enzyme detergents (which pollute the lakes and streams) and always bigger and faster cars (which foul the air and kill thousands of people a year). Now those who run the fashion business want to eat away the consumer's dollar by pushing the midi skirt on millions of women.

How can the practical woman defend herself against this latest onslaught from Madison Avenue? It's simple: she can refuse to buy the midi. Business and industry heads will then quickly learn how the American female consumer really thinks and acts.

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Police Freak Out

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weren't enough beds, water was standing on the floor, a bare bulb was kept on all night, and I was told that there had been beatings there. A lawyer had been working on my case since Sunday, but it was Tuesday before he could get my bond set and get me released. After I hassled with the state police and the Livingston Parish Sheriff's Department for several hours, they finally produced my cameras, which they had deliberately smashed. They never did "find" my sunglasses and my address book.

Some of the bust tales I heard were almost unbelievable. A group was arrested because some chewing gum was passed around and the narcs hoped the gum had acid in it--it didn't. One brother was asked by a narc if he knew anybody who had acid. The brother said, "Maybe that dude over there," and was immediately busted for "conspiracy to sell narcotics." Several people were busted for "suspicion of possessing narcotics." One sister was charged with "suspicion" but was clean, yet when she was bonded out she discovered that the cops had added "possession" and "sales" to her charges. Even before the festival had started a brother was driving through town and busted for speeding. He was in second



Grow Your Own Greens

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The lettuce workers' strike is a major political step for the Chicanos of the San Luis Valley, many of whom have been in the U.S. for no more than a year. But the employment of Mexican braceros and Chicano scabs from other parts of Colorado has created a tough situation for the strikers. Dicho y Hecho members relate to those who are brought in to work as brothers and sisters first, and not as scabs. The strikers also want whites to come out on the picket lines at the lettuce fields, besides supplying food, money and other needed supplies.

The strikers reason that Anglo help on the lines will make for larger and more politically imposing pickets and will relinquish some Chicanos to speak to the strike-breakers and persuade them not to scab. Most of those who are working did not know they were being imported to break a strike, but with the promise of work coupled with their uncertain 72-hour stateside status, meaning immediate deportation and unemployment if they engage in strike activity, it will be hard for the strike to gain their support.

To be successful, the strike must last through the summer and disrupt the entire lettuce harvest. The workers are getting help from La Raza Unida (the Chicano political party), Colorado Rural Legal Services, and numerous Chicano adult groups in Colorado. With their aid and publicity increasing steadily, the strikers are growing more militant. No one has worked since the strike began because the growers have not yet brought the scabs they are housing out to the fields. When they do the strikers hope that a strong picket line made up mainly of Chicanos will convince the potential strike-breakers to support the struggle.

Help is urgently needed for the strikers in the form of canned food and money. send both in the largest quantities you can to Dicho y Hecho, 574 Willis St., Center, Colo. 81125

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gear doing 45 in a 60 mph zone. He was asked how much money he had and he replied, "Thirty-one dollars." The cop said, "That's too bad, your fine is \$41." He was locked up for a week without being allowed a phone call.

One of the worst aspects of the entire festival was the role of the promoters. They refused to inform the festival goers about the compound and the continuing busts. People who saw busts tried to get someone to announce what was happening from the stage, but they were told that if the cops' game was called, the festival would be closed down. The promoters apparently knew about the compound and the raids from the start and were consciously collaborating with the cops to keep everyone ignorant, and thus easy prey.

But even the promoters apparently did not escape the dragnet. The town had passed a law which outlawed the festival. The law went into effect on Monday, the last day of the festival, and one of the promoters, Jim Brown, was arrested. Altogether between 100 and 200 people were busted over the week-end.

Some people expected me to be down because I got messed over in Livingston Parish, but the experience has rejuvenated me. It is beautiful to be involved in struggle with my brothers and sisters and to be winning, to know that nothing they can do will stop us.

Just Who are We Fightin' For?

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Buddists joined the protests by occupying the Quoc Tu Pagoda, headquarters for the pro-Saigon Buddhist faction. The occupation, a protest against the pagoda's silence on the complicity of the U.S. and Saigon in the massacres, was broken up by Saigon police disguised as Buddhist chaplains. At least three persons were killed in the attack and scores were wounded.

More fuel was added to the fire when the news of the arrested student leader's torture leaked out. Conditions of three students who failed to appear at the Military Field Court on April 20 were described in an article in the Saigon newspaper Tin Sang: "Nguyen Tan Tai: Electricity, anaesthesia, soapy water, and truncheons were used on him. Presently he lies unconscious with a weakened pulse. Doung Van Day: Soapy water was put in his ears; his ears were then beaten. He is now deaf in one ear, which also drains blood and pus. Nor can he hear clearly from the other ear. His two legs are paralyzed. Than Khien: He is in about the same condition as the other two, except more severely beaten. His two legs are paralyzed and his knees show little reflex."

The Saigon government refused to comment on the accuracy of the article, but the paper was confiscated for the ninth time in a month because the article was deemed "harmful to national security".

During May and the first part of June, the struggle heightened. Nearly 80 students were arrested by Thieu's police during a mass demonstration on May 9 at the Ministry of Education when they tried to block traffic. Agence France Presse reported that the students "were well organized" to disperse quickly when the police hurled pepper-

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gas grenades and "then reassemble and continue their attacks at once."

In response to the skyrocketing cost of living, which is currently rising about 7 to 10% a month, more than 60 of Saigon's 124 unions began a one-day strike on June 15 in sympathy with government workers who have been fired recently. In demonstrations of solidarity with the striking workers, hundreds of students fought riot police in front of the U.S. embassy. The students' rage was not merely against the Thieu government: The New York Times reported that "During the demonstrations, a U.S. military police jeep was set ablaze with gasoline, and its occupant, a sergeant, was clubbed and kicked by young Vietnamese men as he fled...."

The political repression by the Saigon government is uniting the many factions opposing the regime. Many Vietnamese see a strong similarity between the present actions of the government and the oppression of the Diem regime just before it was brought down by a coalition of students, Buddhists, and dissatisfied army officers. A Vietnamese student writes: "If these are the last days of the Thieu regime, then they (the arrested students and monks) will surely all be killed. This is what happened before Diem's government fell."



How many times have we heard Madison Avenue's Mrs. Brown say, "My wash isn't as white as hers!" Then she runs to her local supermarket and buys new "Arsenic" detergent.

Perhaps, you haven't heard of "Arsenic" detergent. That is because the advertising men disguise their poisons with fancy names. So Mrs. Brown and all her followers continue dumping more and more pollutants into their wash and eventually into the water supplies as they strive for the perfect whiteness and brightness.

It is time to sit back and see just what results from obtaining super brightness. What is it that goes down the drain and back to the earth?

Soap is made from the fat of animals and other natural products. After the soap is returned to the earth, it is broken down by the natural action of bacteria. This is the process of decay. A detergent which breaks down in this manner is called biodegradable.

Old fashioned soap is a long chain molecule. One end of this molecule is an organic solvent. The other end is water soluble so the soap dissolves in water. This produces the cleaning effect of soap. The soap molecule dissolves in water and the solvent part removes the dirt, which is basically organic in nature.

Man, in all his glory has developed that almighty cleanser known as the synthetic detergent. Like soap, these detergents are water soluble and contain an organic solvent. The only problem is that the organic part was manufactured in a test tube. The simple bacteria have no effect on these new detergents. They do not break down naturally. Instead, these detergents remain suspended in water supplies and in the ground, poisoning fish and other life forms they come in contact with. Gradually water supplies will become poisoned. In order to obtain suitable drinking water, special water treatment plants will be needed to remove these pollutants from the streams.

Yet, the story does not end here. The new detergents and washing additives also contain a substantial quantity of phosphates. These phosphates are pollutants of the streams too. Phosphates are not poisonous though, instead they are the basic nutrients of the small organisms that make up the food supply for small fishes. These small life forms are in a delicate balance in the streams. The natural cycle provides enough of the nutrients from the decayed matter to maintain a small organism population. The population is kept constant by consumption by the small fishes. As we dump these phosphates into the streams, the organisms multiply and begin to overpopulate a portion of the rivers, killing and driving to extinction other small plants and animals.

The Florida Gulf "Red Sea" is an example of the small organisms overpopulating an area. The "Red Sea" is caused by a marine organism known as *Gymnodinium breve*.

In small quantities these organisms fit into the natural cycle. Unfortunately when a bloom or dense population growth appears these organisms are killers. The excretions of the *G. breve* affect the nervous systems of the fish, thus immobilizing their gills. Soon after coming in contact with these organisms the fish population is floating belly up. *G. breve* is just one of many examples of organisms whose overpopulation can be directly related to phosphate concentration. "cont."

Finally the average housewife might ask, "What can I do to prevent pollution of this sort." Simple. In the case of phosphate pollution through nutrient enrichment, you can use only those detergents or cleaning agents and additives with little or no phosphate content. For bio-degradable detergents use only those cleaning products that are developed from natural materials and products or are proven to be broken down by the natural processes of the earth.

Washington, May 2 (UPI) -- The Government has identified 22 laundry and dishwashing products it said contain pollution causing phosphates and urged their manufacturers to promptly reduce or eliminate the phosphate content.

None of the following detergents should be considered safe to use:

DETERGENT	MANUFACTURER	PER CENT PHOSPHATE
Biz	Proctor & Gamble	73.9
Axion	Colgate-Palmolive	63.2
Salvo	Proctor & Gamble	56.6
Cascade	(auto, dishwasher)	54.5
All	(auto, dishwasher)	54.0
Tide	Proctor & Gamble	49.8
Drive	Lever Brothers	47.4
Oxydol	Proctor & Gamble	46.6
Bold	Proctor & Gamble	45.4
Cold Water All	Lever Brothers	45.4
Ajax Laundry	Colgate-Palmolive	44.6
Cold Power	Colgate-Palmolive	44.6
Funch	Colgate-Palmolive	44.2
Dreft	Proctor & Gamble	41.9
Gain	Proctor & Gamble	39.5
Duz	Proctor & Gamble	38.3
Bonus	Proctor & Gamble	37.5
Breeze	Lever Brothers	37.2
Cheer	Proctor & Gamble	36.3
Fab	Colgate-Palmolive	34.8
Wisk	Lever Brothers	14.2
Calgonite (auto, dishwasher)		49.4
Electrosol (auto, dishwasher)		34.8

The following detergents contain no phosphates and are absolutely safe to use:

Lux and Lux Flakes (Lever Brothers), Vel (Colgate-Palmolive), and Ivory Snow (Proctor and Gamble).

UNCLE SAM eats trees



SAN FRANCISCO (LNS)--A Stanford University biological team says bombing and use of defoliants by the United States will leave Vietnam's environment crippled many years after the destruction ends.

"When the fighting has finally ended," said the biologists' report, "the suffering and hardship will have only begun."

The report, entitled "The Destruction of Indo-China--the Legacy of Our Presence," appears in a recent issue of *California Today*, a West Coast ecology magazine. Teachers and graduate students in Stanford's biological sciences department conducted the research which documented these ecological disasters:

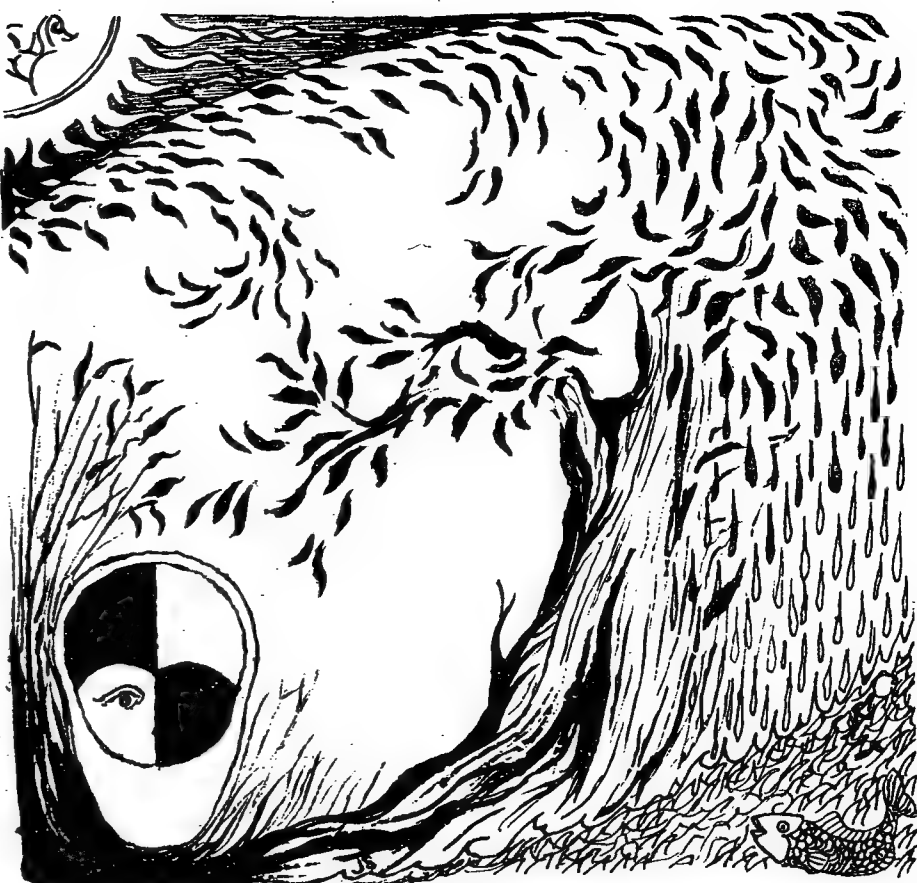
**Defoliants used to deprive the "enemy" of cover have reduced rubber production up to 25 per cent per acre in Vietnam and up to 40 per cent in parts of Cambodia.

**The use of herbicides to destroy rice crops in liberated zones is filling the soil with chemicals that do not break down, and which flow into streams with unknown effects on fish and other aquatic life.

**Bombing has produced a landscape resembling that of the moon in some areas. Placed end to end, the craters would form a ditch 30,000 miles long.

**Much of the soil is subject to a hardening process called laterization when the vegetation is removed, resulting in a rock-like substance so hard that the 1000-year-old ruins at Angkor Wat in Cambodia are built of it.

**Fires have destroyed forests, and shrapnel in trees is so common that sawmills lose up to three hours a day repairing blades damaged by the metal fragments.



We were talking-- about the space between us all
And the people-- who hide themselves behind a wall of illusion
Never glimpse the truth-- then it's far too late-- when they pass away.
We were talking-- about the love we all could share-- when we find it
To try our best to hold it there-- with our love
With our love-- we could save the world -- if they only knew.
Try to realise it's all within yourself no-one else can make you change
And to see you're really only very small, and life flows on within you and without you.
We were talking-- about the love that's gone so cold and the people, who gain the world and lose their soul-- they don't know-- they can't see-- are you one of them?
When you've seen beyond yourself-- then you may find, peace of mind, is waiting there--
And the time will come when you see we're all one, and life flows on within you and without you.

George Harrison
"Within You
Without You"



another for mother for Peace

...suggests crossing the following companies off your shopping list: Bulova Watch (fuse parts for projectiles and rockets); Honeywell (rockeye bomb cluster parts, MK46 torpedoes, Poseidon components); General Electric (multiple warhead re-entry vehicles, Tartar missile systems, guidance assemblies for Poseidon missiles); Westinghouse (Poseidon launcher, Mark 48 torpedo engineering); Motorola (classified electronic equipment, fuses for 40 mm shells and grenades); Whirlpool (Elichelette and Beehive projectiles); General Motors (155 mm self-propelled howitzers, warhead and exploder design for MK48 torpedoes); Dow Chemical (nose assemblies for M126 bombs, Tordon herbicide, Butyl Ester herbicides).

In connection with Dow Chemical: Toron herbicide is being used to kill every living thing in a 25-foot wide strip along the 3000-mile U.S.-Canadian border. This project has already started. Dow also admits it caused the contamination which Canadian research authorities have reported in Lake St. Clair. All fish and underwater life is contaminated with lethal mercury. The fish--walleyes in particular-- contain enough mercury to be fatal if eaten. Dow, who has poured as much as 200 pounds of mercury a day into the lake, said it was startled by the report. "We were not aware of the problem." Lethal mercury is also appearing in fish in lower Lake Huron, western Lake Erie, and the Detroit River. Fishermen are advised not to eat fish from any of these waters. The Saskatchewan River, once a fisherman's paradise, has been closed because of the high mercury level.

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Alienation must be considered the dominant theme of twentieth century man. Franz Kafka effectively portrays this trait in his schizophrenic characters, who harbor their true emotions and desires deep within their bodies, tarry seldom from the confines of their lonely bedrooms, and carry on social intercourse in only the most superficial and exhibitionist ways.

It is this incompleteness and fragmentation which marks modern man, and it is on this nature which we must seize. To be incomplete implies that certain human needs have not been fulfilled. What are these needs? Foremost, there is a need for community, a need to feel a part of a dynamic whole, a desire to find one's identity through other people's lives by aiding them in their daily struggles. Modern society has succeeded in dividing us amongst ourselves, by forcing us to compete ruthlessly in the mad search for specialized, disconnected, materially oriented jobs. But we find in today's youth a primordial feeling, a tribal instinct to combine rather than divide, cooperate rather than compete. A new America founded on kinship.

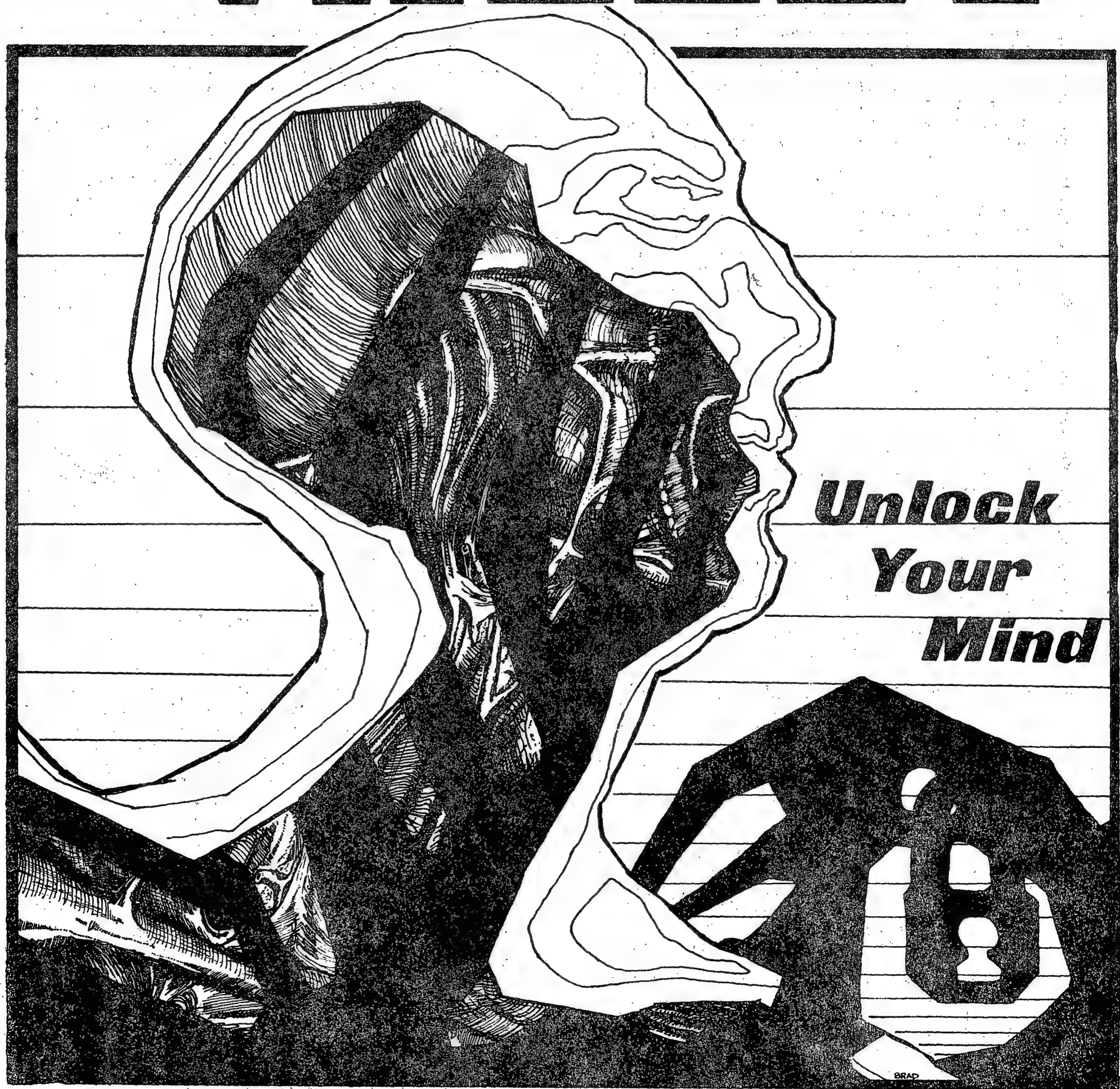
It is by striving for this sense of community that our other basic needs are achieved. We have a need to control our lives, instead of feeling that they are externally manipulated. That is, we, the people, must know that we control the government and business and military, that have for so long been cloaked in secrecy and unresponsive to our wishes. Now we are beginning to understand that these entities are within our grasp if we only band together on the basis of common desires, or more realistically stated, on the basis of common oppression at the hands of these forces.

Our need to express ourselves artistically has been stolen by society which effectively asks artists to produce art for privileged individuals and ivory-tower intellectuals. It is the rich who patronize art colonies, and it is the rich who shroud the greatest art in deathly cerebral-celled museums. There is a growing recognition that art is only worthwhile if it is produced for the people-at-large in order to expand societal consciousness rather than the lifeless minds of those who can afford to pay for it.

We hope that this newspaper represents this notion of "street art." It is designed to express the feelings of a new, organic community and to point out the elements of the old society which we find invalid in today's world. We hope it is an instrument of change and succeeds in meeting people's needs to know the truth and to combine to form a new society.

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No one listens
No one cares.
I'm screaming . . .
about as loud as a soul can scream
Everyone thinks they know . . .
What you are
Who you are
Where you're going and why.
They don't ask what you feel
They don't even touch
They just . . . know.

Then there are those who
Want to mold your mind and body
Into what you're not,
or don't want to be.
How can anyone really know
---if they don't try a little empathy.

CITIZENS!

The Lehigh Valley desperately needs a radical voice to speak for the hundreds of disenfranchised and oppressed people in this community. Open Valley is not run for profit, and contributions from sympathetic sources are a requisite to keep it in print. The people's press must continue!

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South Side Interview

Puerto Rican Woes

On July 21, Open Valley interviewed an angry young Puerto Rican named Freddie. Freddie is the leader of the 4th St. Firehouse gang in Bethlehem. He was interviewed after the south-side disturbances last week between various Puerto Rican and white gangs in the neighborhood.

Open Valley: Freddie, we'd like you to tell us how Puerto Ricans are treated in Bethlehem.

A: In a word-- lousy. Like, for instance, a Puerto Rican owed money to a company, so the company went to his father's house, broke down the door, and took all the furniture out of the house. Now they wouldn't do that to a white person because they'd get into trouble. They figure that the Puerto Ricans would be too stupid to know what to do if somebody busted into his house and took all of his furniture.

And in other cases, like in a fight, the cops only pick up the Puerto Ricans. There's got to be two sides to the story. The Puerto Ricans have got to be fighting somebody, they couldn't be fighting their shadows.

Open Valley: Hasn't a white person ever been picked up for a fight?

A: In all of our cases, whenever there was a fight, a white person has never been picked up. Like Sunday and Monday, July 19 and 20, there were four Puerto Ricans picked up each night. Now, they had to be fighting some-

Cops Rap Peace Sign

The Easton Police Dept. is hell-bent on slandering and destroying the movement in its area. In a mailing to area clergy dated July 14, the police enclosed a reprint of an article which appeared in Life-Lines, a Birchite publication sponsored by H.L. Hunt. The article claimed to expose the peace symbol as a sign of the anti-Christ, and explained that "...thoughtless (people) do not know what they are buying or what they are planning to wear, but every appearance of the broken cross is noted gleefully by the godless Reds, who thus can see how vulnerable Americans really are... It would seem appropriate for Christians to think twice before wearing or displaying the anti-Christ symbol, and inform others as to what this peace symbol really represents."

With an accompanying card signed "Easton Police Dept.," the two-page article was sent to clergymen in Easton as a subject of interest. It was sent in official envelopes and was stamped by the City Hall postage meter. In other words, the taxpayers paid for this propaganda. Supposedly, this article was in the same category as brochures sent to schools about such things as safety rules and drug abuse. One of the ministers who received the mailing called the Easton Express who conducted in-depth research and wrote an article which appeared in the Express on July 27. Ewald's article seriously questioned the action of the police department.



In attempting to reach Police Chief Mazzeo for his comment, Ewald was met with defensiveness and hostility. After the Express article came out, Mazzeo could not be reached at all. Everyone else who has tried to reach him has met with the department's best evasive tactics. Mazzeo simply refuses to talk.

This reporter thinks that the important point here is that the police department's propaganda campaign is only a reminder of an attitude that is becoming very predominant in Easton. Reaction is everywhere. It seems that the anti-kid sentiment is very popular. Perhaps it is because kids are finally standing together and protecting each other, despite barriers of race and class origin.

ON HOUSING and GHETTO VIOLENCE

The causes of ghetto violence lie deeper, in most cases, than the overt acts or series of events that serve as the immediate stimulus to the rioting. The unjust arrest of a single man has been known to set off violence, but calling this event the reason behind the rioting is superficial and short-sighted. The root causes of urban violence are to be found within the context of the daily experience of the black man living in a racist society. He looks around him and sees injustice, exploitation, suffering, and mockery at the hands of the white community, and who is to say what his response will be?

During the recent riots in Asbury Park, N. J., the common response of the city officials, including the black Chief of Police, was one of shock and surprise. It couldn't have happened there. Asbury Park is now a disaster area.

Similarly, Allentown's officials and citizenry cannot, at this late date, afford complacency or even wasted time. The problems of the ghetto area are profound. They cannot be solved by piecemeal funding and slipshod projects. The trouble lies in the unfair housing conditions, in the inhuman conditions created by an outmoded welfare system, in the increasing drug traffic, in the impossibility of finding any kind of fair employment, and in any of a thousand other ways that the system has of telling the black man that he is inferior.

Probably the most pressing problem in Allentown is the critical shortage of low-cost public housing. The Church Action Committee for Housing, in an interim report on their findings, discuss the shortage in great depth. The following facts, observations, and conclusions are from this report.

The study area was the five-block area bounded by Walnut, Union, S. 9th, and S. 4th Sts. Of the 350 individual (cont. page 6, col. 2)

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Truckin' on down to Sixth Street

In recent weeks, the Allentown city government has conspired, almost through its own ignorance, to represent the one block area of South 6th Street between Union and Walnut as a typical predominantly black community. This kind of assumption is a gross injustice to the remainder of the minority population in the area. The foundation upon which this implied comparison has been built in the minds of the white population is constructed of vague fears and a readiness to accept the most bestial rumors as true fact. In reality, the South 6th St. area is an atypical type of sub-community operating within the larger community.

Two years ago, due to the closing of a nearby bridge and the subsequent location of the 6th St. block on the detour route, a large and steady stream of traffic began to flow through the area at all hours of the business day. This traffic was predominantly white, middle-class business people and shoppers, who began to use the conditions that they saw on Sixth St. to characterize the remainder of the black and Puerto Rican communities. This assumption was unjust. At the same time, the nature of the area began to change drastically. The block's location on what had become a major north-south artery and its proximity to the Allentown Bus Terminal attracted, and continues to attract, a large transient population from out of town and, indeed, from outside Pennsylvania.

Because of the seeming cooperation of the housing inspectors and the slum landlords, the Sixth Street block has become the center of an out-of-town traffic in both drugs and prostitution. The people living in the buildings come in by bus or car, stay for a week or a month, or even just one night, and then disappear. Although the west side of the block is legally zoned for only about 12 families, the steps and sidewalks are, on hot afternoons, packed with far more people than could be accounted for by 12 families.

Without intending to ignore the inadequate manner in which the city has handled its growing and decaying ghetto area, or excusing the police tactic of containment and pacification rather than enrichment, it seems that drastic change is needed to overcome the conditions existing on 6th St. The traffic in drugs and prostitution, as well as the horrible overcrowding is allowed to exist by representatives of the city until the white crows out for change, at which point a few token raids and busts are made.

The time has come for a cleaning up of the exploitation, both Black and White, of the resident population within the minority communities. Dope is fine as an escapist attempt at suicide, but will inevitably keep the blacks from attaining any degree of social awareness. This awareness is the first step that the Black, Puerto Rican, and other exploited communities must take toward the final end to that exploitation and the subjugation of those communities.

"We don't live in a society of human values. We live in a society of property values."

-John Shannon



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This paper is gaining in notoriety.

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Day came like a black procession through the maze of streets and promised with the surety of death to crucify ethereal thoughts with its melancholy dirge.

Halfmen walked the streets in search of nothings. rewarded with success they cast forth jubilation. gutters gave hideous smiles of laughter that cracked the concrete streets as earthquakes tottered tombstones. Halfghosts of men in fear.

Clouds of smoke rose like phantoms from hell to the sky. Day, the conjurer cast its spell upon the pagans of the streets who knelt upon the curbstone like lepers seeking salve to sooth their sores.

Halfmen sought their nothings, apostles to the day and screamed the cry of freedom which echoed in their mortuary. Half ghosts of men in fear.

Chuck Campbell



IT'S STILL ON

Even after recent Grape Boycott victories, 25% of California grape growers still have not signed contracts with the striking pickers. Ask your supermarket manager to see the crates his grapes arrived in. If the flying Thunderbird union label is not on them, refuse to buy anything, even leave your half-filled cart in the aisle. He'll get the picture when all the frozen foods in the cart are rendered putrid.

AM RADIO - where they sell plasticware

If you are one of the many people who have become fed up with the puke that money and teenybopper oriented radio stations - like WAEB, and the juke box industry try to palm off on the consuming public, congratulations. Most of the crap played over the air today is either pure drive, like "Sugar Sugar," or it is the sterilized version of really great songs like "Light My Fire" or "25 or 6 to 4." Songs which might reflect the oppression in today's society, like Crosby, Stills, Nash, and Young's "Ohio" are banned on WAEB and many other local stations. But do not despair!

Remember that FM radio that used to belch forth "easy listening" music to soothe your parents' tattered nerves? Well, if you haven't already realized AM radio's latest co-optation of the freaks, tune your head to 93.3 and dig some really great music for a change. This is, of course, WMMR from Philadelphia. They do not engage in three commercials and two jingles per record. And they don't play commercial crap. Unfortunately, since you live in the Lehigh Valley, you probably won't be able to get the NYC undergrounders. But not many good things ever come into the valley anyway.

Even if you don't have an FM radio, there is still hope. Located on your AM dial, far above the air pollution of 790, (in fact, it is at 1470) there exists another local station, WSAW. From midnight until six in the morning there is the Harvey Show, in memory of a former Allentown boxer who "freaked out" whatever that means. Here you will find six hours of almost uninterrupted music. This ranges from newly released albums to underground standards to the Firesign Theatre. (WSAW also seems to be the only local station playing "Ohio.") While Harvey does not involve himself with politics, racial issues, or drug

off smack!

Smack makes you smart, yea, real smart!

There are many things that you as a person lose when you do smack. The greatest loss is your personal freedom. Smack controls you, you don't control it. How much does your freedom mean to you?? Even your physical freedom is endangered - a bust!

Can you have any identity at all when you're just a junkie? Don't you just want to be yourself - alive and free?

How many friends do you have? I mean real friends - with closeness, concern, and love. Can a smack freak possess these, some of the greatest human capacities. When the establishment sits on you, can you be aware enough that it's happening, let alone do something about it. Or is being a member of the walking dead, what you want from this messed-up world?

People can't rebel, riot, or demonstrate when they're smacked up. If you don't like things the way that they are, get up off your butt and kill that monkey on your back. He's keeping you down.

Why does the government crack down on grass? Which is a relatively harmless drug. Why not a campaign against smack, one of the greatest oppressors? Could it be that the government wants smack, because you can't rebel against some of the crap they hand down if you're on the nod.

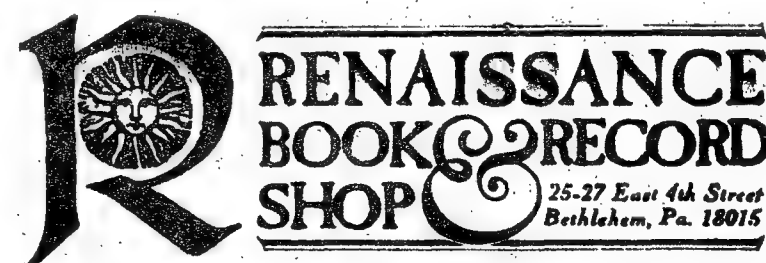
You really can't produce any changes in this society until you can change the reasons why you want to turn on with junk. Getting yourself together and then getting this society together is the only way that we'll ever really be free. So if you must do dope - don't buy from any pusher who deals smack. He's helping the porkers keep you down.

Smack the Enemy! Not Yourself!

Crossroads

The crossroads is the crossroads, a time for choosing, when making your stand means moving, when standing a moment longer is dying.

Paul Willistein Jr.



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WHY TAX RESISTANCE?

CONFLICT BETWEEN INDIVIDUAL CONSCIENCE AND THE DEMANDS OF GOVERNMENT IS PROBABLY AS OLD AS SOCIAL ORGANIZATION ITSELF. FROM THE EARLY DAYS OF THE CHRISTIAN ERA WE HAVE HEARD OF THOSE WHO, ALTHOUGH THEIR ACTIONS WOULD RESULT IN SURE AND HORRIBLE DEATH, REFUSED TO PUT A PINCH OF INCENSE ON THE ALTAR OF CAESAR. FOR MODERN DRAFT RESISTERS, THE DRAFT CARD REPRESENTS THE "PINCH OF INCENSE." MANY ADULTS ADMIRE THE STAND TAKEN BY THESE COURAGEOUS YOUNG MEN AND WISH THEY COULD DO SOMETHING COMPARABLE TO SUPPORT THEM. TAX RESISTANCE IS ONE WAY THAT MANY CHOOSE.

WHEN A CITIZEN HAS USED ALL THE LEGAL METHODS HE CAN TO PERSUADE THE GOVERNMENT TO ACT IN A MORAL AND SANE MANNER--ONLY TO FAIL OVER AND OVER--THEN HE IS FACED WITH A VERY DIFFICULT DECISION: WHETHER TO CONTINUE TO SUPPORT THE GOVERNMENT THROUGH TAXES, OR TO BREAK THE LAW.

NONPAYMENT OF TAXES HAS A LONG AND IL-LUSTRIOUS HISTORY IN AMERICA. THE BOSTON TEA PARTY IS PART OF THE FABRIC OF OUR HERITAGE. THOREAU'S "ON CIVIL DISOBEDIENCE" IS A CLASSIC IN THE LITERATURE OF DEMOCRACY. JOAN BAEZ SPEAKS FOR THOUSANDS OF AMERICANS WHEN SHE SAYS, "THIS COUNTRY HAS GONE MAD. BUT I WILL NOT GO MAD WITH IT. I WILL NOT PAY FOR ORGANIZED MURDER. I WILL NOT PAY FOR THE WAR IN VIETNAM." ALLEN GINSBERG SPEAKS FOR MANY TAX RESISTERS WHEN HE SEEKS SOME ALTERNATIVES TO PAYING FOR WAR AND EXPLOITATION. HE SAYS IN A LETTER TO THE NATIONAL OFFICE OF THE INTERNAL REVENUE SERVICE THAT IF THE GOVERNMENT HAS SOME AGENCY THAT WAS CLEARLY NOT EXPLOITING PEOPLE, THEN HE WOULD WILLINGLY PAY THE SEVERAL THOUSAND DOLLARS IN TAXES THAT HE OWES TO THAT AGENCY DIRECTLY.

WHAT FORM DOES WAR TAX RESISTANCE TAKE?

MANY WAYS ARE USED BY THE NONCOOPERATIVE TAXPAYER, BUT THEY ALL HAVE ONE POINT IN COMMON. NO MATTER WHAT METHOD IS USED, THE TAXPAYER LETS THE IRS KNOW THAT HE IS DOING IT AND WHY HE IS DOING IT.

ONE METHOD, USED BY JOAN BAEZ AND HUNDREDS OF OTHERS SINCE HIROSHIMA, IS TO FILE A RETURN, BUT TO REFUSE TO PAY THAT PORTION OF THE TAX WHICH WOULD BE USED FOR MILITARY PURPOSES. OTHERS FILE BUT REFUSE TO PAY ANY TAX. OTHERS JUST REFUSE TO FILE AN INCOME TAX OR TO KEEP RECORD.

WHAT USUALLY HAPPENS IS THAT IRS SENDS SEVERAL NOTICES TO THE TAXPAYER (IN THE CASE OF VERY SMALL TELEPHONE TAXES THEY MAY NOT EVEN BOTHER WITH THIS.) IF THESE DON'T RESULT IN PAYMENT, A LOCAL IRS

OFFICIAL MAY VISIT THE TAXPAYER (IN ONE INSTANCE, THIS RESULTED IN TWO IRS MEN RESIGNING THEIR JOBS AFTER TALKING TO A VERY ELOQUENT TAX RESISTER!) CONTINUED NON-PAYMENT MAY LEAD TO ATTACKING SALARY OR BANK ACCOUNT FOR THE REQUIRED AMOUNT PLUS INTEREST (IN MOST CASES THE COST OF COLLECTION FAR EXCEEDS THE AMOUNT COLLECTED.) IN RARE INSTANCES, PROPERTY IS SEIZED.

WHEN TAXES ARE WITHHELD BY THE EMPLOYER, INCOME TAX RESISTANCE BECOMES MORE DIFFICULT. AMERICAN FRIENDS SERVICE COMMITTEE IS NOW QUESTIONING THE LEGALITY OF REQUIRING AN EMPLOYER TO WITHHOLD TAXES AGAINST THE WISHES OF THE EMPLOYEE. MANY EMPLOYERS HAVE AGREED NOT TO WITHHOLD TAXES AND PAY THE EMPLOYEE A NON-TAX-WITHHELD FEE. OR THE EMPLOYEE CLAIMS ENOUGH FALSE DEPENDENTS TO PREVENT THE EMPLOYER FROM WITHHOLDING, BUT FILES AN HONEST RETURN, REFUSING TO PAY THE TAX. MANY HAVE RESIGNED AND BECOME SELF-EMPLOYED IN ORDER TO CONTROL THEIR INCOME TAX.

A VERY POPULAR AND EASY WAY IS NOT TO PAY THE FEDERAL EXCISE TAX ON THE TELEPHONE BILL. THIS TAX WAS RAISED TO 10 PER CENT IN 1966. REP. WILBUR MILLS, CHAIRMAN OF THE HOUSE WAYS AND MEANS COMMITTEE, SAID, "VIETNAM--AND ONLY THE VIETNAM OPERATION--MAKES THIS BILL NECESSARY." WORD HAS SPREAD THAT HERE IS A TAX DIRECTLY RELATED TO THE WAR. IN 1968 AT&T REPORTED OVER 5300 CUSTOMERS WERE DEDUCTING THE TAX. BY 1969 THE WALL STREET JOURNAL SPECULATED THAT AS MANY AS 18,000 WERE REFUSING TO PAY IT.

HOW DOES ONE GO ABOUT NOT PAYING THE PHONE TAX?

IF THE FEDERAL TAX IS NOT LISTED SEPARATELY ON YOUR BILL, YOU CAN FIGURE IT BY TAKING 10 PER CENT OF ALL PHONE CHARGES (TOLLS, SERVICE, ETC.) DEDUCT THIS AMOUNT FROM YOUR PAYMENT AND ALWAYS ENCLOSE A NOTE STATING THAT YOU HAVE DEDUCTED THE FEDERAL EXCISE TAX AND EXPLAIN WHY. YOU MAY RECEIVE A CALL FROM THE LOCAL BUSINESS OFFICE. THE TELEPHONE COMPANY ONLY ACTS AS AN AGENT FOR THE GOVERNMENT IN COLLECTING THE TAX. IT WILL NOT DISCONTINUE YOUR PHONE SERVICE, BUT IT WILL REPORT NON-PAYMENT OF TAX TO IRS. SOME OFFICES PUT YOUR ACCOUNT IN A SPECIAL CATEGORY AND WILL EVEN CALL YOU IF YOU SHOULD EVER FORGET TO DEDUCT THE TAX.

WHAT ARE THE PENALTIES FOR TAX REFUSAL?

ONE WHO WILLFULLY REFUSES TO FILE AN INCOME TAX RETURN, TO KEEP RECORDS, OR TO PAY A FEDERAL TAX, CAN BE PUNISHED BY A FINE UP TO \$10,000 AND UP TO A YEAR IN

PRISON. THE PROCEDURES, THE COURTS AND THE THE JAILS ARE THERE IF THE IRS CHOOSES TO USE THEM. HOWEVER, THEY RARELY DO.

SOME DELIBERATELY KEEP THEIR EARNINGS BELOW A TAXABLE AMOUNT. THIS WILL BE EASIER, BUT STILL BE NO BED OF ROSES, SINCE THE 1969 TAX REFORM BILL. (FOR A SINGLE PERSON, INCOME BELOW \$1725 NEED NOT BE REPORTED.) OR THEY LIST DEPENDENTS NOT COVERED BY IRS CATEGORIES, SO THAT NO TAX NEED BE PAID. (IN ONE CASE A \$9000 HOUSE WAS SEIZED AND PUT UP FOR AUCTION TO COLLECT A \$189 TAX DEBT. PEOPLE REFUSED TO BID AFTER HEARING THE OWNER'S STAND, AND THE FAMILY GOT THEIR HOUSE BACK.) IT JUST ISN'T WORTH IT FOR THE IRS TO TRY TO COLLECT ALL THE TAXES. BUT THEY WILL TRY TO DISCOURAGE TAX RESISTANCE BY MAKING AN EXAMPLE OF THE FIRST REFUSERS IN AN AREA, THOSE "TROUBLE-MAKERS" WHO ARE LIKELY TO CAUSE OTHERS TO EXAMINE MORE CAREFULLY THE DEPTH OF THEIR COMMITMENT.

IS THERE MUCH TAX RESISTANCE IN THE LEHIGH VALLEY?

NO ONE IS BEING VERY VOCAL ABOUT IT OR MAKING A PUBLIC STAND. WE KNOW OF SEVERAL UNSUCCESSFUL ATTEMPTS BY EMPLOYEES TO GET REFUNDS OF THE SURCHARGE. THE BETHLEHEM TELEPHONE OFFICE REPORTS 10 CUSTOMERS DEDUCTING THE FEDERAL EXCISE TAX; EASTON REPORTS THREE; WE KNOW OF TWO IN EMMAUS. THERE ARE MANY MORE THAT WE DON'T KNOW ABOUT. ONLY ONE PERSON WE KNOW OF HAS GONE SO FAR AS TO RESIGN BECAUSE HIS EMPLOYER WOULD MAKE NO OTHER ARRANGEMENT THAN TO WITHHOLD INCOME TAX. WE SUSPECT MANY YOUTH ARE KEEPING INCOMES BELOW TAX LEVEL, BUT DOUBT IF THEY HAVE TOLD IRS WHY. WE HAVE NO WAY OF ESTIMATING HOW MANY PEOPLE ARE SELF-EMPLOYED IN ORDER TO CONTROL INCOME TAX.

A WAR TAX RESISTANCE CENTER FOR THE LEHIGH VALLEY-POCONO AREA HAS BEEN SET UP. THE CENTER WOULD LIKE ALL THOSE WHO ARE ENGAGING IN ANY SORT OF TAX RESISTANCE OR OTHER ECONOMIC PRESSURE TO GET IN TOUCH. IT WOULD LIKE TO SHARE YOUR METHODS AND PERSONAL EXPERIENCES WITH OTHERS. IT HOPES TO ASSIST WITH LEGAL AID IF IT SHOULD EVER BE NECESSARY, AND WILL FORM A BASE FOR COOPERATIVE ACTION WITH THE OTHER 116 CENTERS THROUGHOUT THIS COUNTRY. ALL NAMES WILL BE KEPT IN STRICT CONFIDENCE UNLESS PERMISSION IS GIVEN FOR THEIR USE. OF COURSE, THE CENTER WILL BE GLAD TO GIVE ADDITIONAL INFORMATION TO ANYONE CONTEMPLATING WAR TAX RESISTANCE. WRITE TO: WTR CENTER, 968 BIRCH ROAD, HELLERTOWN, PA. 18055, OR PHONE 838-8471.



Women Take Note!
Since a federal equal pay law came into "effect" in 1954, fifty thousand women have succeeded in getting wage increases. But don't wait for the government to enforce this law voluntarily. Attorney General Mitchell would much rather spend his time smothering the Black Panther Party than giving women some compensation for their exploited labor. Women, you can confront sex discrimination by demanding wages equal to men's pay (for equivalent work); write to the Wage and Hour Division of the U.S. Department of Labor, Washington, D.C.

a fugitive running to elude the spectre-horror of himself, a captive of a skeleton and a fool-the victim of his follies, not content to have a soul but to grasp it with his hand.

Chuck Campbell

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The Tyranny of the Majority

"When I refuse to obey an unjust law, I do not contest the right which the majority has of commanding, but I simply appeal from the sovereignty of the people to the sovereignty of mankind."

-Alexis de Tocqueville
(1805-1859)
French historian

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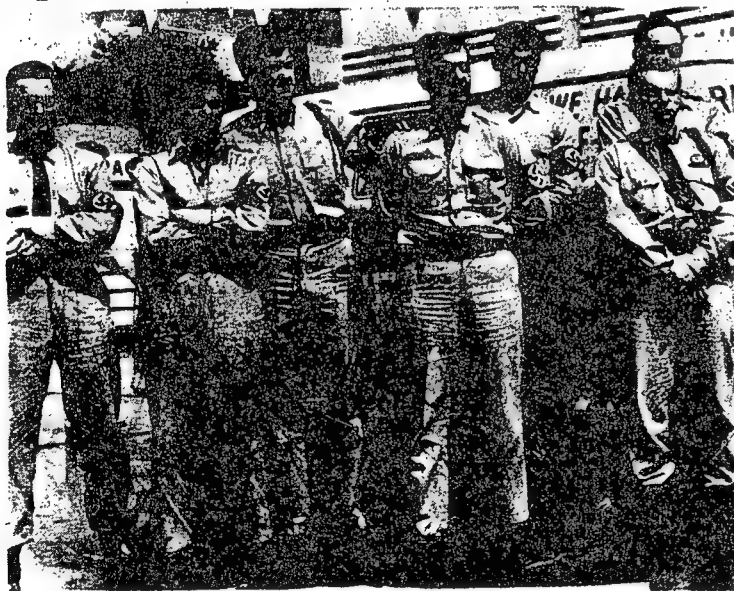


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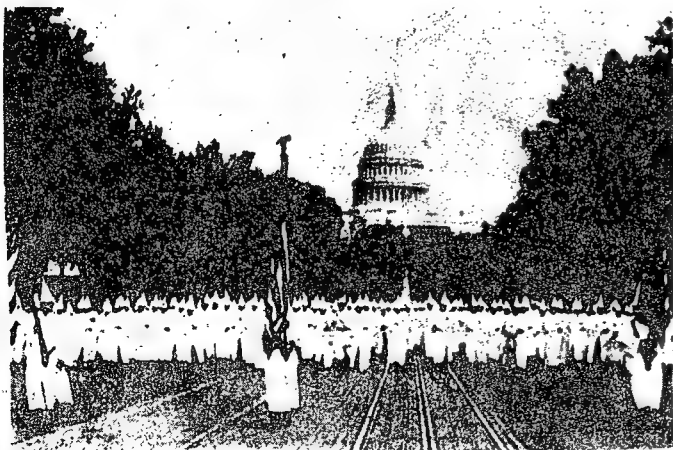


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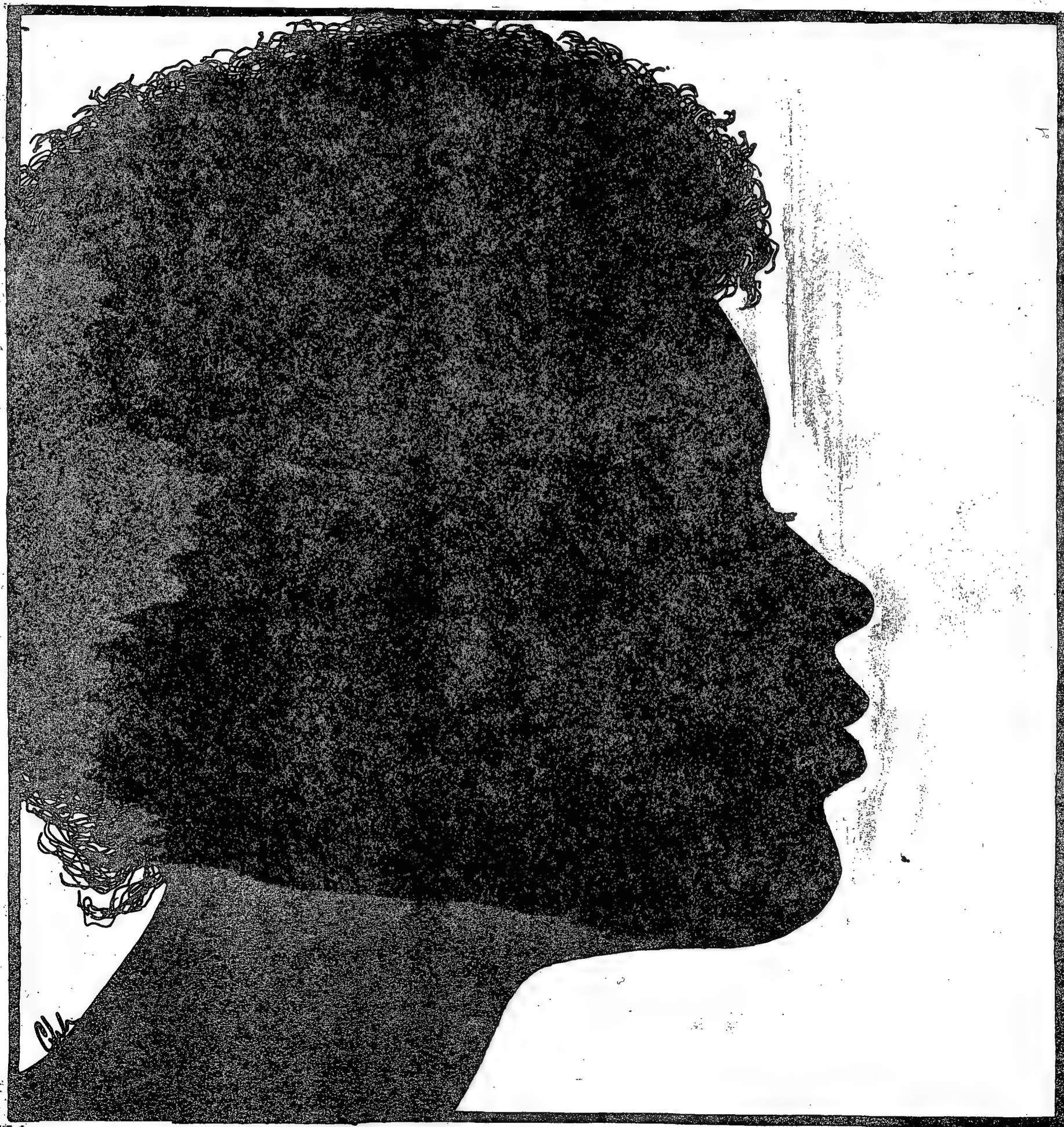
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The inmates of Northhampton County Prison printed this cover for the June issue of their prison newspaper, Concentration Pen. It seems that the prison officials, in the fine American tradition of Fascist repression expressed on the cover, rejected it outright. Open Valley was able to liberate it to help expose the censorship and misuse of power which pervades all of our society. The press belongs to the people!

Pictures from top to bottom: 1) Burned-out ghetto business; 2) Lynched blackman; 3) Members of the American Nazi Party; 4) KKK marches in Washington; 5) Bigotry; family tradition.

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The Bethlehem Gang: Steel, Lehigh, City "Fathers"

Gangsters Eat South Side

(Editor's Note: The material in this article was gleaned from the Gruen Report, a document written by the private research firm Gruen Associates. It discusses the effect of the I-78 spur route on the South Side of Bethlehem. All material in quotation marks is directly quoted from the Gruen Report.)

I-78 is being used as a front for Lehigh University and Bethlehem Steel expansion. Already Lehigh University has purposely created a slum on the South Side in order to build a new liberal arts college: The University bought houses on Pack-er Avenue, failed to provide responsible maintenance for houses, boarded up other buildings--"in essence, created a slum, took pictures of the 'slum,' sent to Washington, and had the area declared an Urban Renewal area--it is now the Liberal Arts College of Lehigh University."

Urban Removal

Both Mr. Glick, Treasurer of Lehigh University and Mr. Mather, Purchasing agent of Lehigh University, have attempted to whitewash the issue by declaring the South Side "a nuisance (sic), a dismal area of gradual deterioration," and by stating, "it cannot be saved." Agreement by the city to these over-generalized statements and crude tactics, as well as the construction of I-78 through the South Side, seems to have given Lehigh University an open license to destroy the residential fiber of the remaining South Side community. These musclemen tactics could lead to a confrontation between the community and the University.

The inner-city routing of I-78 would be used to consolidate Bethlehem Steel's transportation system, creating greater accessibility between Bethlehem Steel's General Offices of Eighth Avenue, the Main Offices of Third Street, the Research Lab on South Mountain and the entire length of

the steel plant.

In the process, I-78 would destroy the present South Side commercial district, or would make it absolutely dependent upon Bethlehem Steel by isolating it from the rest of the community. This in turn would

force the residents to look elsewhere for commercial facilities to fill their needs. This inconvenience would also cause people to look elsewhere for housing which would be nearer to a commercial district. The logical conclusion of this progression would be the engulfment of the remaining South Side by Lehigh University.

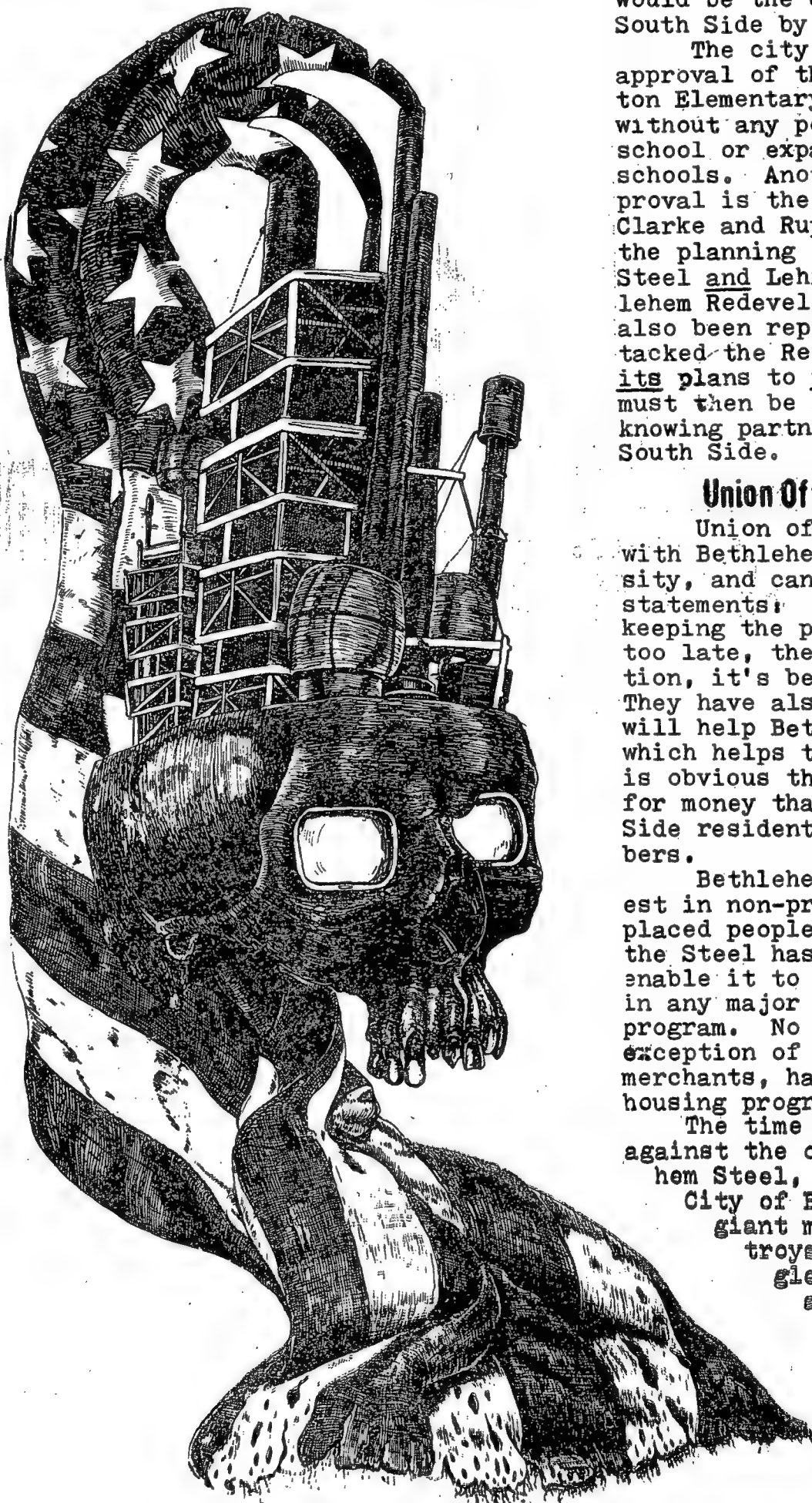
The city seems to have given unvoiced approval of this plan by selling Washington Elementary School to Bethlehem Steel without any positive plans for a new school or expanding other existing schools. Another indication of this approval is the fact that the same people, Clarke and Rupano, are the consultants to the planning commissions of Bethlehem Steel and Lehigh University and the Bethlehem Redevelopment Authority. It has also been reported that the mayor has attacked the Redevelopment Authority for its plans to redevelop the South Side. It must then be assumed that the city is a knowing partner to the destruction of the South Side.

Union Officials Betray Workers

Union officials are also complicit with Bethlehem Steel and Lehigh University, and can be convicted by their own statements: "Nobody is concerned about keeping the people on the South Side, it's too late, the forces have been set in motion, it's beyond the point of change." They have also stated that the spur route will help Bethlehem Steel, and anything which helps the Steel helps the union. It is obvious that the union has more concern for money than for the welfare of the South Side residents, many of whom are union members.

Bethlehem Steel has shown token interest in non-profit housing for the displaced people on the South Side; however, the Steel has made stipulations which may enable it to escape financial involvement in any major non-profit housing relocation program. No other major group, with the exception of the threatened residents and merchants, has shown any interest in a housing program.

The time has come to mount a struggle against the corporate structure of Bethlehem Steel, Lehigh University, and the City of Bethlehem. This power-hungry giant must be stopped before it destroys the South Side. The struggle will be long and difficult, and only an organized and determined group of people can halt the machine in its tracks and preserve the South Side for the people living and working there. It is time to unite against the common enemy!



Vietnam Vets Bring War Back Home

Vietnam veterans are "bringing the war home" on September 4 with a four day "search and destroy mission" across northern New Jersey and Pennsylvania. The campaign is not a response to increased subversion by American guerillas in the area, but is rather an attempt to show Americans what the Vietnam War is really all about.

Vietnam Veterans Against the War (VVAW), a NYC based group, is asking Vietnam veterans, other war veterans, and active GI's to join a four-day march which will begin at Morristown, N.J., and end at Valley Forge, Pa.

The strategy of Operation R.A.W. is to "simulate an actual combat operation." The marchers will carry toy weapons supplied by the VVAW, and will wear army fatigues. The line of march is tactical--5m. intervals between men, 25m. between platoons. Wounded Vets, many coming from VA hospitals to join in the march, will be located at the rear of the march. As the march advances, additional "wounded" soldiers will drop back, as happens in actual combat missions.

Medical support-- doctors, nurses, and a mobile medical unit are being provided by the Medical Commission for Human Rights and by the Nurses for Peace. The VVAW office is providing legal observers and attorneys for the march. Food-- C-rations from the black market in Nam bought at half the army price will be supplied by the organizers.

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Repression Breeds Resistance at Firehouse: Bethlehem People Demand Democratic Action

Unfortunately, it took a horrible death to awaken Bethlehem residents to the governmental forces which can meddle with their lives at a moment's notice. The week of August 6 will be remembered in Bethlehem history.

It will be remembered as a time when the people began to understand that the city government, the police, and all of the liberal social work agencies are not on their side at all but exist merely to keep them in their place. The time was especially crucial for the Firehouse people who experienced the closing of their home without their being consulted or notified. The people have become increasingly aware that the city fathers probably sanctioned the Firehouse ori-

ginally just to keep them off the streets and never had their interests in mind.

On Wednesday, August 6, at about 11:00 P.M., a white Firebird sped past Bethlehem's "Protection" Firehouse Youth Center at 321 E. 4th St. According to eyewitnesses, the occupants of the car threw a soda bottle firebomb through the open door of the Firehouse and fired four shots into the crowd of about twenty people standing on the street in front of the building. Although the firebomb shattered as it hit the ground, and therefore failed to explode, the shots left Rosemarie Parham, 14, mortally wounded, and Carlos Garcia, 16, wounded in the right knee.

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Who Has The Money To Pay ?

Allentown City Council Meeting.
Aug. 4. Seven huge, black, padded chairs. Seven balding, white, drowsing councilmen. Dramatic lighting. Rather undramatic men.

We saw an old, proud black man sitting beside us. Which councilman represents him? Who on the council represents Puerto Ricans or young white people? They all say they do. They all say they do.

I think they were talking about weeds. Grown men talking one half hour about high weeds. Higher penalties for citizens who don't cut their weeds. Maybe Communists hide in tall weeds.

The councilmen talk about the South Sixth Street "problem". They talk about the "unfortunate people" on South Sixth Street. What do they know about South Sixth Street? Why are they so worried about South Sixth Street? Many in the audience knew why.

A white motorist was recently attacked on South Sixth Street. White police have been assaulted on South Sixth Street. White people have to see South Sixth Street. It isn't hidden like Second Street and Hickory Street. That's why they're "concerned" about South Sixth Street. It threatens the security of the white community. It threatens the fortunes that white and white-oriented businessmen have built for years from the sweat of blacks and other oppressed peoples. Who do you think City Council represents?

Charles D. Snelling, president of City Council. He lives very well. His children go to private schools. His family travels by airplane. He used to drive a Porsche. Charles D. Snelling owns migrant camps. Who do you think Charles D. Snelling represents?

There were angry people in the audience fed up with years of stalling. Years of no low-cost housing. Years of apathetic whites. Years of selfish whites.

Angry Allentown girl to council members: "Who has the money to pay \$20.00 for ass on Sixth Street? It's men like you with suits and ties from the west end. If you really want to clean this city up, you should start from the west and work on down."

Snelling was nervous. He got apologetic. He perspired. Allentown's problems are not the fault of this administration, he said. It's not my fault, he said. Things will take time, he said. "Your time has run out", she said.

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TRICKY DICK - SMILING AND PUMPING AWAY

It was the last nite in Bethlehem for "The Strawberry Statement". Most of The Open Valley Tribe was there, milling around the lobby of the "College" theatre in various states of anarchy.

The refreshment stand was closed. Only a dim yellow glare from the popcorn machine.

We walked together into an empty cavern. The preview next attraction was on. We looked around from our two rows. Besides us, there were six other people.

It was James A. Michener's "The Hawaiians," part two, as they say. All the grandeur, the splendor, and the power of the famed isles of paradise. Now brought to the silver screen: simple savages, screaming nuns, the jungle beat, surfboards, paniolas, the flesh of native girls, Captain Cook, Bongo Joe, red sails in the sunset. Swaying palm trees, chattering monkeys, one thousand hawaiian guitars, Makapuu Mooks, Aloha Oe, wild luaus, Don Ho, Dole pineapples, grass skirts, hulla-hoops, and the Moon of Manakoa.

Compared to the preview, flick, "Strawberry Statement" was a drag. Oh, it had everything in it, just like "The Hawaiians." But it was too

Know Your Enemy !

A Bethlehem Police cruiser sits outside Protection Fire House at 10 p.m. on a week night--the fire house is ominously dark, people-less. Dances are called off. Rumors of rumbles. "West Side Story" in Bethlehem?

In the catholic dark of her East 4th Street room, a young little Puerto Rican girl senses without thinking: "There's a place for us, somewhere a place for us..."

Msgr. S. J. Daday of St. Theresa's Catholic Church in Hellertown says: "I have been told by members of my congregation that the words and pictures exhibited in the (Woodstock) boutique would even shock Nero and his pagan pals."

In his Salisbury Township split-level a moderately longhaired youth senses without hearing WAEB's sensitivity to the drug scene as they play Three Dog Night's "Mama Told Me Not to Come," and as he checks his grass stash in the basement, he feels without knowing: "Peace and quiet and open air wait for us somewhere..."

"I did not endorse that movie (Woodstock) and no one can show anywhere that I did. I was asked to rename Main St. within the area 'Happy Avenue.' I used this occasion to get next to our teenagers," Mayor Mills says.

From some underground FM band the Jefferson Airplane wail:

Look what's happening out in the street,
Got to revolution, got to revolution.
Hey, I'm dancing down the streets
Hey I'm dancing down the streets.
Ain't it amazing all the people I meet?
Ain't it amazing all the people I meet?
One generation got old
One generation got soul
This generation got no destination to hold.
Pick up the cry!

The Globe-Times runs an anti-drug abuse add, nearly two full pages wide, that includes such phrases as: "Know your enemy," "heroin (...snow)," "It starts here" (a joint is shown, held like any conventional cigarette), followed by "It ends here" (a hypodermic syringe is pictured.)

A Puerto Rican plays basketball in Yosko Park, wondering who his

long. About two hours' worth.

Loud groans and snoring and random cussing--from the screen and the audience. "This isn't anything like the book," said Jeff.

The only truly great thing in the movie was a grainy film clip of Richard Nixon sitting at a baby-grand piano, smiling and pumping away, singing "Home on the Range." A good ten seconds for all you sado-masochists.

Afterwards we all got up, left the theatre, and gathered outside for about five seconds. We discussed the film. "Not enough sex," someone said. "It was a reality rip-off," proclaimed another. "Pretty good riot, though".

The plastic on the unlit marque lost its denture white lustre to tattle-tale grey as we shuffled off into the night. It now advertised "The Hawaiians" in bold black letters on all three sides. They changed the display posters, too.

The dignity and beauty of man rests in the human spirit which makes him more than simply a physical being. This spirit must never be suppressed for exploitation by others.
-Huey P. Newton

enemy is. A Lehigh student checks into his empty fraternity house, locks the door behind him, pours himself some Scotch, turns on the handy laminated double console color T.V. complete with stereo speakers, then--preparing himself for a couple of brothers who will later drop a tab--he turns himself on, wondering who his enemy is.

A 14-year-old is dead; she cannot wonder who her enemy is.

The cop's white fingers press into the upper part of the Black's left arm, press just above the elbow, to remind him (the Black) that Law and Order has control of the situation now. They both look into the flashing bulb of the newspaper photographer.

The Black plays his part, feeling without thinking motherfucker shitman honkie, won't you just look at my smiling teeth now, you mothers?

Crosby, Stills, Nash, and Young sing:

You who are on the road
Must have a code
That you can live by
And so become yourself
Because the past is just
a goodbye
Treat your children well,
Your father's hell will
Slowly go by
And feed them on your dreams:
The ones they pick, the ones
you'll know by.
Don't you ever ask them why.
If they told you, you would die;
So just look at them and sigh,
And know they love you.
Sensing without hearing,
Feeling without thinking.

The spirit of the People is greater than the Man's technology.
-Huey P. Newton

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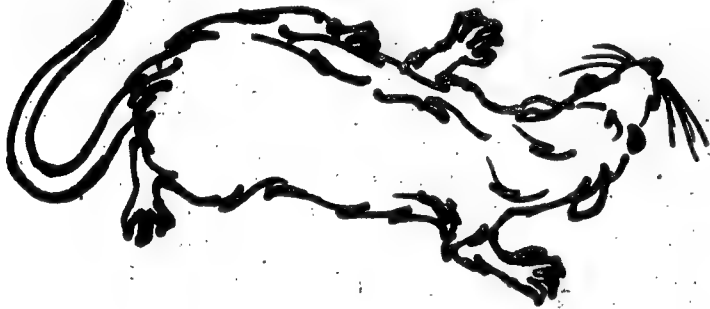
CITY OF ALLENTOWN SELLS OUT BLACKS IN FAVOR OF SLUM LANDLORDS

South Sixth Street resident: "I wouldn't live here if you paid me. I'd rather sleep in my car."

The 100 block of South Sixth Street has received more attention in the last month than any other Allentown neighborhood. It all started in July. A night of violence. A motorist and two policemen were attacked. Suddenly the forces that be were "concerned" about South Sixth St. After years of unsanitary, rundown conditions fostered by greedy landlords, the city of Allentown was concerned. Such benevolence is apt to be regarded with skepticism.

Open Valley went to the people of Sixth Street to learn more about the neighborhood. The following is a tape-recorded rap session with Sixth Street residents held at the Hickory St. home of Calvin McClaine:

Nathaniel: My name is Nathaniel Winbush. I live at 124 S. 6th St. My landlord is John Teman. I lived in this apartment for ten months. I pay \$20 per week. Three rooms in the apartment; I have the use of two. It's a furnished apartment with a raggedy-ass dresser in it, no mirror on it, one bed. I have a kitchen. I have running water, but the hot water - I have to run it for approximately 15 to 18 minutes to get it hot. At night roaches be crawling over the bed and all over the floor. I'm not allowed to leave bread or nothing on the table without it's ate up by roaches or by rats.



Calvin: Why haven't you moved to these new modern apartments?

Nathaniel: For one reason why I haven't moved. I've looked in the newspapers to go and look at places. We make a call and then the peoples want to find out who we are or where we stay, and when we tell them who we are and where we stay, they turn us down for it and say, "It's just rented out yesterday," or "call later," or something like that, you know.

Calvin: In other words, you feel there's no fair housing in Allentown.

Nathaniel: I do.

Joe: My name is Joseph Holley, 116 S. 6th. Now they say that we are on public assistance, right? ...say you're living on the public. He [John Teman] gets ten dollars for all the people he put on public assistance. Every check he get ten dollars out of it. Yes, he does. He writes them a rent receipt. He get ten dollars. They don't even live there.

Calvin: But this is against the law!

Joe: I know that. He says he has you on assistance. As long as he write the rent receipt, he gets the ten dollars. And plus that, he charges twenty some dollars for one room, and they got roach-bugs and rats and everything.

Open Valley: They say so many people are living in such apartments, and they may not be living there at all? They just might be getting mail there?

Joe: They don't live there.

O.V.: Where do they live?

Joe: Anywhere just as long as you give him the money.

O.V.: Are you willing to go to City Council and say this?

Joe: I'm willing to go anywhere and say it. They always says we's on public assistance, right? The man [John Teman] got buildings and buildings and buildings, and he's the one that's on public assistance, cause he's taking from the poor man and taking it for himself. That's what I'm speaking about.

Betty: My name is Betty Jean Dennis. I rent from John Teman. 124 S. 6th St. I give him a hundred dollars a month. I am on welfare. I only get \$202 a month. I only have three rooms, and with 7 kids. Yesterday, which was August 8, the inspectors came, and they was taking pictures of every building on 6th street. They also saw the roaches in my refrigerator and Teman sprayed it, and they told me not to accept no food or give it to my kids that was in the box. Also he makes \$15,000 a year out of 10 apartments.

Joe: Teman will rent people apartments, and allow them to sell alcohol in his buildings and give them so much percentage out of it, per week. If he rent you the building for \$20 per week and you stay there and sell drinks, then he'll want ten dollars or fifteen dollars out of your money what you earned out of selling the drinks, in order for you to sell it in his building. I know several buildings [where] he do it.

And the things that's happening on 6th street is not the [fault of the] people living on 6th St. I know that for a definite fact. And personally I be out all night long, every night, and I've met all kinds of people, and everyone. The people coming down on 6th St. is the ones doing it. It's not 6th St. And if I have to, I will give names of the people who are doing it. It's very few on 6th St. that's throwing them bottles, breaking out windows, and fighting and robbing people. I, Joseph Holley, will explain that to anyone.

Nathaniel: At 120, I know a woman there, stayed there three years ago. Her name was Betty Jean Dennis. She stayed there, and at the time she was staying there, she tied a rope around her Frigidaire, to keep it closed. Now I can go right to the same apartment, and point out the same Frigidaire, that is still in there, and the people have to prop a broom or chair up to keep the door closed. When she was there, she made a complaint about it, and roaches and everything are in that Frig. now.

James: My name is James Wyatt. 124 S. 6th St. I have more rats and roaches in that apartment than I have apartment. So I guess sometimes I go to bed, leave the bread on the table, the next morning I ain't got no bread, I suppose those rats will get in my refrigerator now. When I get in that refrigerator in the morning...

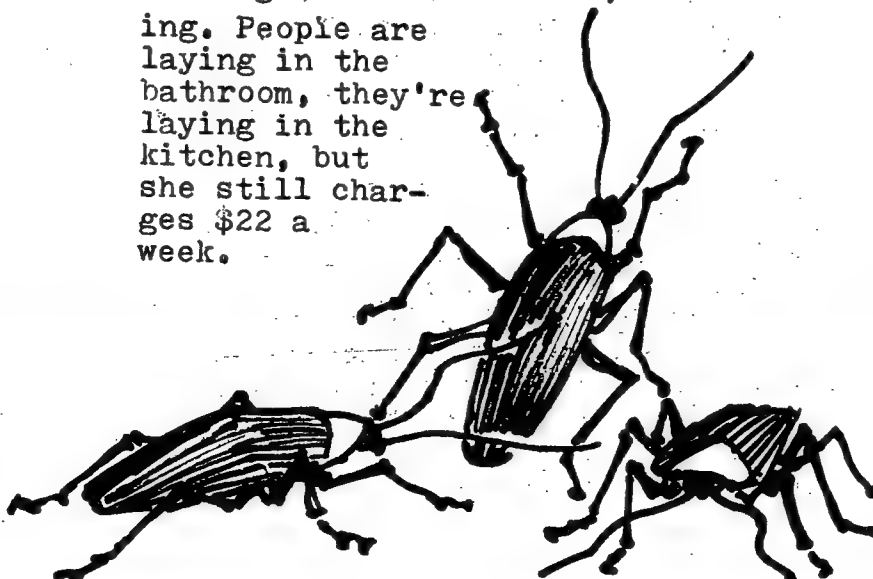
O.V.: How much rent do you pay?

James: \$88 a month. No private toilet. Everybody off of the street come on in and use the same toilet. [Should be] three people to a toilet. Anybody off of the street come on in and use that bathroom. You should see how they mess it up. Monday morning I can go in there and pick up ten or twelve beer cans.

O.V.: Who's your landlord?

James: John Teman! John Teman!

Joe: I was paying \$22 for one room and a bed. Well [I had] one refrigerator. People come in from all over the world, they sleeps in the bathroom, your wife can't take a shower, she can't go to the bathroom, or nothing. People are laying in the bathroom, they're laying in the kitchen, but she still charges \$22 a week.

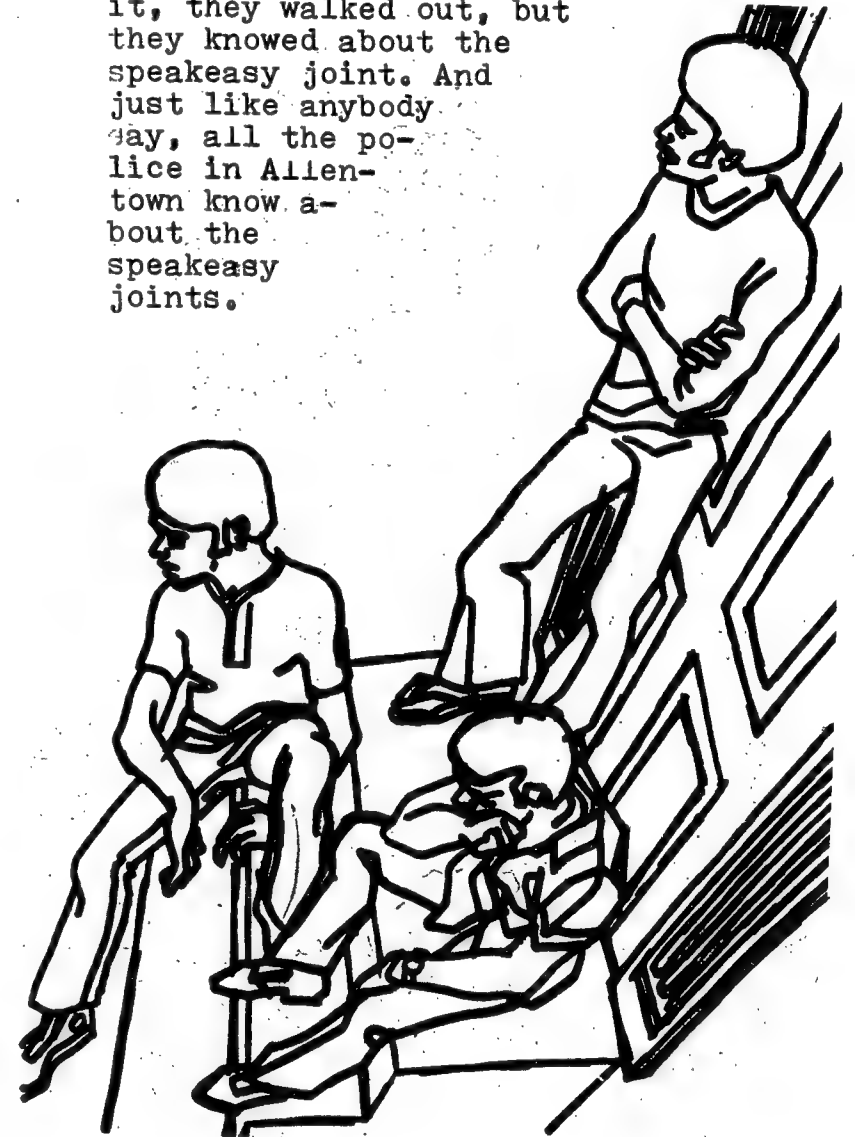


Calvin: We were talking about speakeasies, the way the landlords are getting cuts out of the speakeasies they run in these buildings. The city of Allentown knows about these speakeasies. They're not kidding us and we're not kidding them. The proprietor of the speakeasy don't think he's getting away with it, cause the city do know about it.

Nathaniel: The reason why the speakeasies are going on is because on account of the landlord, a big man, approaches the little man, a poor man like me, showing me where I can make an easy buck, and he can keep me out of jail, by going ahead on and doing what he say. Such as John Teman and other landlords on 6th St.

Joe: The Allentown police not gonna do nothing about it. You sell what you want to sell - beer, wine, whiskey to all little kids. They don't care whether they die or live. They sell 'em dope. They sell 'em everything else. And once they do it, that's it far as they're concerned. As long as the dollar's made.

There was one speakeasy joint that the man was putting up his beer and 2 policemen was walking the beat and walked into the place, and told him to give them two cans of beer, and he hand them the beer, they didn't accept it, they walked out, but they knowed about the speakeasy joint. And just like anybody say, all the police in Allentown know about the speakeasy joints.



The latest development in the City Council "probe" of South Sixth Street is a friendly deal worked out between City Hall and the landlords. On August 14, the landlords met with city officials and blamed the South Sixth St. conditions on "outsiders." Most alarming was Mayor "Chips" Bartholemew's statement that the landlords should do their part in renting only to "good tenants" and should set conduct rules and patrol the tenements for those who don't come up to snuff.

What about the landlords, Chips? Why aren't they subject to rules of conduct too? But, the landlords are mostly wealthy businessmen and basically good guys down deep, huh Chips?

The Allentown black community has been steamrolled by a city government which smiles fondly on them while holding a knife in their back. Its about time Allentown's oppressed peoples realized that the city government will never attack the real enemies of the people, because the city government eats lunch with the real enemies of the people.

When government becomes corrupt and unresponsive to community wishes, it is time for groups of oppressed peoples to band together to take the power in their own hands. The facade of democracy and free enterprise under which we live must be exploded and the power and wealth returned to the people-at-large.

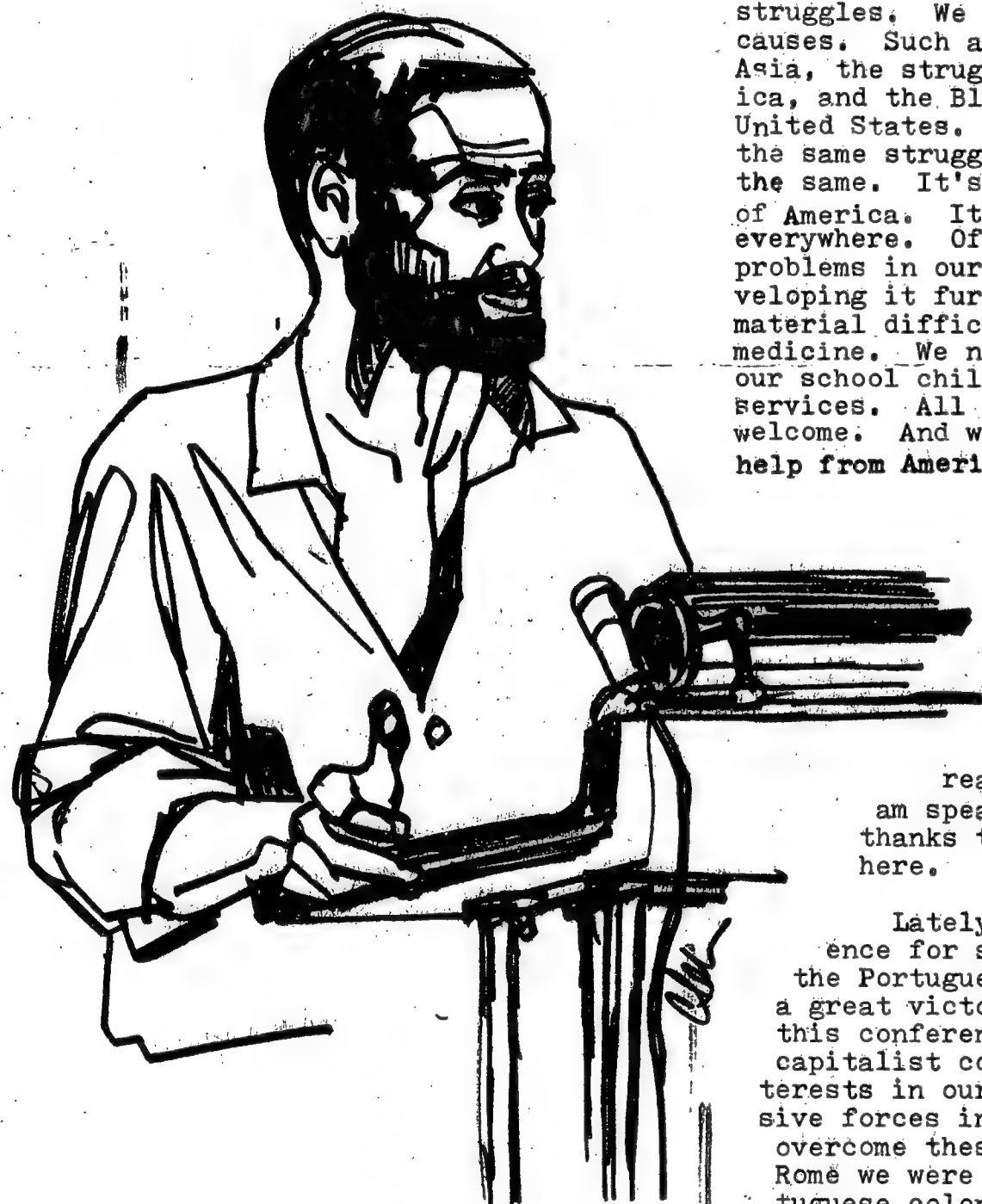
Angolan liberator speaks -

U.S. Suppresses War of Independence

"Ten years already we've been fighting against the Portuguese. One third of our country is liberated. We've been able to establish clinics and schools in that zone. We will not stop fighting until our country is totally free."

(Angola is a colony of Portugal. It is the sixth largest country on the African continent, and it is rich in mineral ore and agricultural potential.)

Toka is a commander of MPLA, the Popular Movement for the Liberation of Angola. He has been fighting the Portuguese since the age of 16. He's now in his 20's. He was invited to the United Nations last month to be a delegate to the World Youth Conference; and several Valley residents were lucky to hear him speak at Wesley Methodist Church in Bethlehem. The following is the text of that speech.)



helicopters from going to help the Portuguese. Companies must withdraw their investments from our country. This foreign intervention does not help our people. It only maintains colonialism at home. This is the help that we ask of these people. The most important thing. There are people in capitalist countries that have expressed a very clear position towards colonialist rule. For example, Sweden, Finland, Norway, and Denmark. They help us directly. We receive direct aid from these governments for our struggles. And Sweden has withdrawn all investments from Angola and Mozambique (another Portuguese colony.) Italy also has stopped its investments. We hope too that the United States will stop.

"That's how we began. Everyone said that things were bad, even the children."

Our struggle is part of other struggles. We support all just causes. Such as the struggle in Asia, the struggle in Latin America, and the Black struggle in the United States. We think that it's the same struggle. The enemy is the same. It's the United States of America. It's waging these wars everywhere. Of course, we have problems in our struggle in developing it further. We have many material difficulties. We need medicine. We need notebooks for our school children. We need news services. All this help would be welcome. And we do receive some help from American organizations.

We draw distinctions between the American government and the American people. And I know that the American government is not

really pleased that I am speaking here. But thanks to your support, I am here.

Lately there was a conference for solidarity among all the Portuguese colonies. It was a great victory for us, because this conference was in Rome, in a capitalist country with many interests in our country. Progressive forces in Italy were able to overcome these difficulties. From Rome we were able to denounce Portuguese colonialism, arouse the

"We draw distinctions between the American government and the American people."

Our struggle is made difficult by foreign support for Portugal. She receives US arms as a member of NATO. Aid that western countries grant to South Africa is used to fight against wars of liberation like our own. So aiding South Africa is the same as aiding Portugal. We know that as our struggle continues and progresses, South African intervention is also mounting, and we feel this aid must be stopped.

All those countries that are helping the war must be stopped. French people must stop French

conscience of people in capitalist countries, and inform them of the wars that are being waged by these governments. We were able to awaken the need for political help to overcome this colonialism.

We also directed our struggle toward the Pope. For the first time the Pope received those who were struggling. Because of this, the church condemned those who are in the Catholic church in Angola. In Angola, the Catholic church plays a role connected with the politics of colonial repression. And I think that for the Pope to be able

to recognize these people who are in the struggle was a very educational thing for people in the Catholic Church. We have Angolan priests who are arrested in Portugal. Our honorific president, who is also a priest, is imprisoned in Lisbon. He hasn't committed any crime, except to talk about independence for our people. That's the only crime. He didn't put Portuguese independence into danger at all.

Questions from the audience:

Q: How did you first organize your people?

A: We began always with somebody saying: Things aren't right here. These words spread from mouth to mouth. We have discussion and

in these discussions people evolve as leaders, not even being conscious of it. We begin to form cells, setting up a program, forming cadres, and beginning action. That's how we began. Everyone said that things were bad, even the children. We are fighting a colonial regime and we are now at the point of setting up another regime. We want a democratic regime of the people. Angola for Angolans. Nothing will connect it to the old regime. We're sure that that won't happen. This is what we're fighting for—a better future. If not, then we don't have to bother fighting.

Q: How has the liberated zone been organized in reference to agriculture, medicine, industry, and nutrition?

A: We had to do something new. We're replacing field laborers with agricultural machines to be able to produce more for our communes. We've destroyed what was colonial in our schools. We did keep some things that were good, but we give a new orientation to our children. In our clinics we've been able to cure people who were on the point of death. And we also feel it is better to prevent disease. We're fighting malaria, but not when the person is on the verge of death. He receives an education about how to take care of himself. He is taught to understand that to stay healthy he has to take a pill each week. These are improvements. We are also thinking of building small factories, shoe factories, cigarettes, and arms, too.

Q: How do you train your cadre?

A: The training at the lowest level is done at home, and we develop it according to stages. There are also cadres who are trained outside the country. There are even Angolans in the United States.

Q: What is the level of discipline in your cadres?

A: There is very strong discipline. A discipline which comes from education, not an enforced discipline. Each cadre is aware of his duties as a fighter. We don't force a comrade to go somewhere. He knows that he has to go

**"Men had to be educated to view
women as comrades in the struggle,
not just objects ..."**

to accomplish a mission for the good of our people. It's political education. It took 10 years to reach, and will continue every day. Only death keeps us from learning more.

Q: How old are Angolan Revolutionaries?

A: Little children do not participate in armed struggle. From 18 on they fight. Everybody has to fight. There are exceptional cases, however. There are people of 15 fighting better than those of 30.

Q: Has the role of the Angolan woman changed through the struggle?

A: Women were never liberated from their family role under the Portuguese. The Portuguese were trying to destroy our traditions and our culture. But today the Angolan woman has refound her place in Angolan society. There are many problems. It took ten years until women could participate. She suffered from Portuguese colonialism and from the Angolan man. The Angolan man had to be educated to understand that the woman was part of the struggle as well. Men had to be educated to view women as comrades in the struggle and not just objects to make children. Our women participate entirely in the struggle. In the clinics, medical centers, schools, in direct combat with the enemy. Women do have their own special problems. Her program is organized in a section of women, where they deal with their own problems and their own objectives. But in work they share the same proportion as men.

Q: How do the Angolans in the liberated zone communicate with those in the Portuguese sector?

A: We are in our own country. We

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all know each other. We receive information from the cities, and medical supplies, money, and cadres too. All our people want independence. We have to tell the people in occupied territory not to come to us but to stay and fight the enemy. We want to know the enemy better in order to fight him better.

Q: Does tribalism have any negative effects on the Revolution?

A: Tribalism is an African social phenomenon. It exists but we're fighting it. I was born in the north of Angola and I'm fighting in the south, and there isn't any problem. Everybody is an Angolan. There are regional traditions which we respect. But we are modernizing these traditions. Tribalism exists but it is not a problem. In our movement it's very rare that one comrade should ask another, "What tribe do you belong to?" I didn't learn about tribalism until I left Angola.

Q: In what stage is the Angolan Revolution?

A: In the liberated zones military operations are just about finished. We only suffer from bombings and some helicopter incursions. But operations in areas still under colonial rule are advancing. Our goal is to get rid of the Portuguese, to the sea.

Q: In what direction is the Angolan Revolution going?

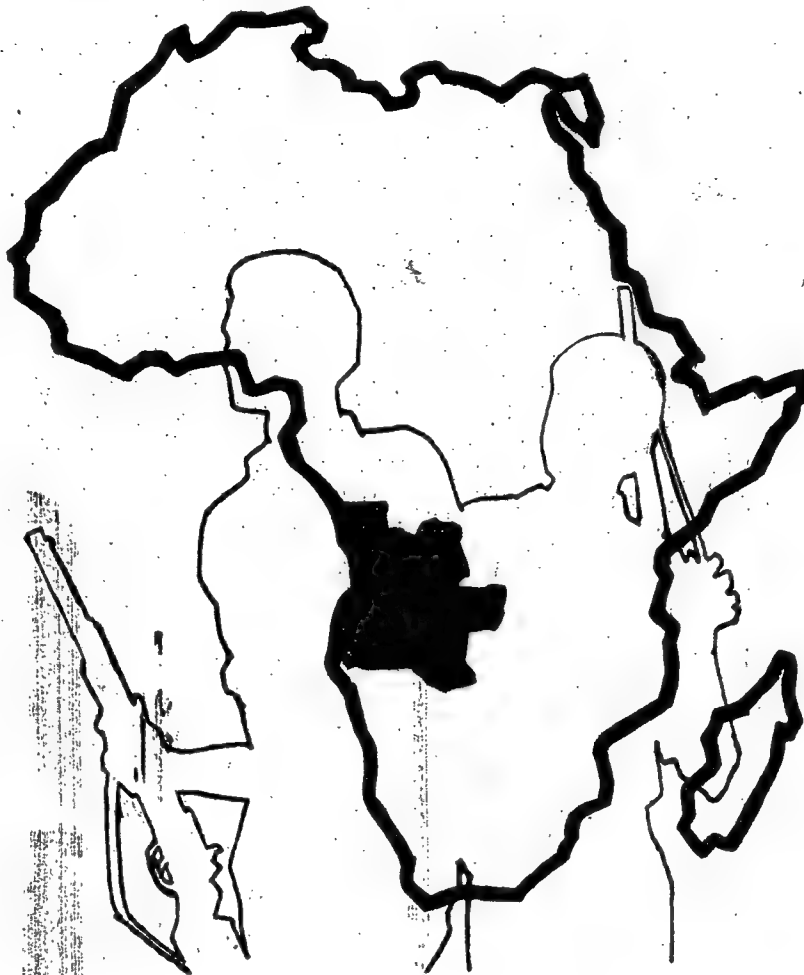
A: First of all, we are fighting for our political independence. Our political independence means our economy must be independent. That is to say, tomorrow when we will have our independence, the riches of our people will be for our people. Our people must keep their riches.

We read a lot. Everything there is. We read capitalist books and we read socialist books and we draw our own conclusions.

Q: What is the percentage of literacy in Angola?

A: It's easier to talk about those who cannot read and write. Ninety per cent are illiterate. Five centuries of colonization.

Q: Will the death of Salazar make any difference in the struggle?



A: It's unfortunate that Salazar died today. He should have lived to see the end of the Portuguese empire. The regime is still there, the one that Salazar set up. The men have changed. Salazar was replaced. But the institutions remain the same.

Q: Do you have allies in Portugal?

A: Our struggle is not against the Portuguese people. We are fighting the Portuguese colonialism. And we support those who are fighting fascism in Portugal. There are also those who are members of the opposition--we do not agree with them, especially the Social Democrats. They don't have a very clear position toward our struggle. There are even some Portuguese doctors who are healing our comrades.

Q: How has the nationalization of industry gone in the liberated zone?

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repression."**

A: There is no industry in Angola. We are the ones who are going to make the industry. Portugal didn't do anything. There are a lot of riches to be gotten.

Q: What is the extent of foreign business investment in Angola?

A: Gulf Oil is the most important. Immense quantities of

petroleum are taken from our land. Diamonds, too, by the British and Americans. Germans take the iron. Fifty per cent of the coffee comes to the United States. Yesterday, I even saw some wood which comes from our country. It's too bad, isn't it? They're also starting to invest in the fishing industry.

Q: What sort of aid do you receive from the western world?

A: Countries like Sweden that aid us directly consider our liberated area as an underdeveloped country. These are independent zones. The only thing is that we suffer bombardment. We would also hope that other countries recognize these liberated areas as underdeveloped countries. Sweden went even farther. We have a representative in Stockholm. This is very important.

Q: You've talked about the role of U.S. business in Angola. What about the U.S. government?

A: The interests of the American government are economic interests, to take out raw materials for the sake of the American economy in not just Angola but all of Africa. Portugal is a member of NATO with good relations with the U.S. There are Portuguese officers who are trained in the U.S.

Q: What about repression of Angolan speakers in this country? I understand that passports are being revoked.

A: I don't need a passport. I come from a liberated zone.



Q: Can you comment on the Capitalist system?

A: A capitalist regime is not good. Misery, unemployment, repression. Do not confuse socialism and capitalism, because the whole world is fighting for socialism. Let us not confuse Hitler with Ho Chi Minh.

Bethlehemites Begin Struggle

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Rosemarie died two hours later in St. Luke's Hospital. Carlos is still recuperating.

Clearly, the police had the right and the responsibility to clear the area of the Firehouse at the time of the murder. However, the Firehouse remained closed, with a cop parked outside the door in a radio car. It seems that the City Council along with Mayor Gordon Payrow decided, in what the mayor called an "unofficial" meeting on August 6, to close Firehouse for an indefinite period of time. When the people saw what the city had done in closing the Youth Center, an impromptu emergency meeting was called for the night of the sixth.

It began in the lot behind the Firehouse. A microphone was set up, and various people from the community came up to speak. There was great confusion as to what course of action should be taken, if any. Some wanted to present a petition to the mayor and the council. Others wanted the Firehouse open immediately, in any way possible. Some wanted the people to get in out of the dark night before the meeting could continue. Among these was Mayor Payrow, who refused to speak to the crowd until they were indoors. Others voiced the opinion that the Firehouse should open immediately, at all costs, and in any way possible.

Throughout the meeting, which later moved in a caravan of cars to Illick's Mill, an undercurrent of grief for the slain girl ran through the crowd. No one was apologizing that the men who were arrested for the killing and the attempted destruction of the building were black. Rosemarie was black, too.

Black Leader Speaks for Unity

Possibly the best and most effective statement of the night was voiced by Bill Thompson, defense captain of the Malcolm X Information Center in Reading. He said, in part, "It's a shame that it took the death of a beautiful black sister to bring these people together this way, but there's one thing that can be learned from all this: The black and the Spanish people in this country can not always be fighting among each other. They have to learn to unite, when necessary, to fight the real enemy." Thompson went on to name the enemy of all oppressed peoples in this country--the men who occupy seats of power in government and industry and all of their henchmen. These men exist solely for their social and financial well-being and will ride rough-shod over anyone to protect their positions. It was finally decided to adjourn the meeting until the next morning, when the people interested in having the Firehouse opened would again meet in front of the center.

According to the Firehouse regulars, the attack was probably the result of a series of incidents that took place over a period of three weeks at the interracial "Room" at the Bethlehem YWCA, which incidentally was not closed like the Firehouse. The disputes stemmed from the fact that Allentown youths--who, incidentally, have no comparable program in their own town--were coming to the dances at the Y, which the Bethlehem blacks and Puerto Ricans objected to. On the night of the attack there had been the threat of a fight at the Y. When the Firehouse people decided to go back to their center rather than fight, the Allentown blacks threatened to "see you later." They apparently did. Jessie James Riddick and William Thomas Lewis, both of Allentown, were later arrested in connection with the attack.

The Confrontation Begins

Friday morning at 10:00, Puerto Rican, black, and some white youths began to assemble on the street across from the Firehouse. A cop sat in his car across the street, as a silent warning from the city to the youths. More and more people came, and the crowd on the sidewalk began to overflow into the street. At this point a City of Bethlehem street-cleaning truck came along to spray the feet of much of the gathering. Cop cars seemed to be going around the block at regular intervals, sometimes stopping, sometimes slowing down, always looking. By 11:30, two more copmobiles had arrived, bolstering the number of "peace officers" to five. While all this was going, Freddie Ramirez, unofficial leader of the Firehouse clan, and a friend walked across the street, past the cops, to look in the window of the Firehouse garage door. They were told to move on. More people arrived, and about twelve noon, the entire group moved slowly across the street to confront the cops guarding the Firehouse against all comers. Faced with nearly fifty people, the cops didn't seem to know what to do. They refused to comment on anything, including the nature of their orders. The police waited. The people waited. Finally,

the cops began to try to interest the crowd in moving around back, into the Firehouse parking lot. After some indecision as to what to do, the offer was accepted. The cops had effectively kept the people of the City of Bethlehem from seeing a crowd of any sort on a public street.

The meeting, such as it was, continued in the parking lot. The reporters who were there began to interview people, and the leaders, adults, and youths began to debate what step to take next. The Firehouse people, as well as many others, expressed the opinion that the building should be opened at once, with no strings attached. Others counseled moderation, asking for someone to go to the mayor to set up a meeting. Others thought that everyone should go home and wait for the city to take proper action. The people sat in that parking lot until 3:00 that afternoon. Finally, at three, the Mayor himself pulled up in his black 383 Plymouth limousine, got out, and came into the parking lot on foot. The Mayor had come to the people.

Mayor Deals from the Bottom

Earlier, a Bethlehem police official who had tried to get the people to go home had said that the Firehouse had been closed because it was the focal point of a homicide investigation. To some, this was a valid reason, although there was a question as to why the City Council, a legislative body, had acted in an executive investigation. However, when Mayor Payrow came to the Firehouse, and decided to "get in out of this hot sun," he simply opened up the door of the Firehouse and walked in, thus destroying the sealed environment necessary to a proper police investigation.

Payrow's first official act was to bar all reporters from the scene of what he actually had the gall to call a "rap." For the next hour and a half, Payrow presented himself as the Great White Protector of the Firehouse, who had tried to keep the building open even in the face of great opposition from City Council. To him, the temporary closing of the Firehouse was the only alter-

native to shutting the building down completely. "I mean, half a cake is better than none at all, isn't it?" Nobody thought so. Near the end of the rap, the Mayor laid down a number of demands (his words) that would have to be followed if he were to open the Firehouse at all again. Among them were that the Firehouse would only be open from 10:00 A.M. to 5 or 6 at night, and that the adult supervisors who had been working there for over two years, Don and Christina MacRae, would be replaced by a full-time social worker. When asked why this later demand had been made, the mayor laid down some bullshit about how the MacRaes had never had a day off and about how tired they were. When questioned as to whether or not he had even asked the MacRaes how tired they were, he said no.

The end result of the "rap" was that he promised to go back to City Hall and talk to the City Council, whom he had had his secretary call, and try to get them to come down to the Firehouse that night to talk to the people. When he left, he made some fruitless motions to get the people to leave the Firehouse. When he saw that no one at all was leaving, he said that he "had a good idea," and that why didn't everyone stay in the building until he came back. Good move, Mayor!

Later that night the Mayor came back to announce that the building was being opened, on its regular schedule, and with its regular advisors--until further notice. With him came a number of councilmen, policemen, and people from the surrounding community. They saw the Firehouse in action for the first time.

Although the Firehouse is at present open, and will probably remain so, it can conceivably be closed at any time at the will of either the police or the City Council. What has come out of the three days in which the fate of the Firehouse fluctuated between life and death, is a greater realization of what the "government of the people, by the people, and for the people" really means.



"No riot today but..."

A letter from prison

August 7, 1970

Open Valley:

This letter is written from within the confines of Northampton County Prison. A letter of this intent must, by necessity, be sent by other than normal channels.

Our purpose is to try to bring to the attention of someone or some group on the outside specific incidents and/or conditions in general in this institution. After reading the first issue of Open Valley--and the article on Lehigh County Prison in particular, it was felt that, hopefully, our situation in this prison would receive some exposure by an unbiased media rather than the administrative "white-wash" of politically controlled publications. Just once--we would like to see "our side" in print.

Today an inmate, Ernest Kocher, was goaded, intimidated, to the point that he is now in the "Hole" (maximum security-solitary confinement) with the very likely prospect that he will face new charges for assaulting a prison guard--when actually the situation should be reversed. But will the truth be known? It is doubtful--I, personally, have seen numerous instances where similar circumstances have resulted in additional sentences, transfers to penitentiaries whereby the inmate would automatically be required to serve his maximum sentence; transfers to mental institutions--whereby his testimony is automatically discredited by that stigma. In addition, this is all preceded by a beating--it's amazing how a beating by 4 or 5 guards weighing 200-plus pound per--can be construed as "subduing the prisoner." I am afraid that what happened today will be another example of "Penn-Central Justice." The administration "takes care of its own," corroborating testimony will be fabricated in a convincing manner--"You lie and I'll swear to it." This has been the rule in the past. Another prisoner will serve more time and eventually be returned to society, an embittered man--the antithesis of rehabilitation.

To the point, Ernest Kocher was in line for store today--he was told to remove an unlit cigarette from his mouth by officer Mark Seymour, smoking is not permitted in the store line--he was not smoking. Kocher told the guard that the cigarette was not lit, the guard yelled at him, "I don't care--I told you to take it out of your mouth!" A senseless but obvious abuse of authority which would rankle the feelings of the meekest man. Ernest Kocher is not a meek man, unfortunately for him, he didn't do as he was told. Officer Seymour struck the cigarette from his mouth and shoved Kocher against the wall. A struggle began and Kocher wound up on his back with Seymour on top of him--choking Kocher with both hands while at least one other officer Tom Golden (another 200-plus pounder) twisted Kocher's arm. The melee that followed is difficult to relate--the Deputy Warden, William Howey, Seymour, Golden, Sgt. Robert Humphreys, Sam DiVietro--were all in-

involved--Subduing Kocher? No, getting their "licks" in. Kocher defended himself as best he could--not aggressively but defensively--he had numerous opportunities to strike officer Seymour, he could have struck blows that would have inflicted much damage--but he did not. Kocher received a cut over his eye but did not receive even cursory medical attention until eight hours later. This whole incident was unnecessary but because there was a personal dislike by Seymour for Kocher--he was subjected to treatment that few men could tolerate--let alone a man that has problems enough just being imprisoned. Earlier in the morning this same inmate was "picked out" and yelled at by the same officer for doing something that other inmates in his immediate area were doing--but nothing was said to them. Before it is all said and done--Ernest Kocher will be labeled a "trouble maker," "wise guy," etc. Besides this, past incidents will be used as "evidence" that this is and was the case. However, any inmate that stands up for what is right, any inmate that has the "guts" to stand by his principles and tries to maintain a semblance of self-respect and personal dignity is a "wise guy" by the administration's standards.

Yes, this institution puts on a bold front--the many programs of rehabilitative intent would seem to imply that the administration's prime motivation is that of helping an inmate to help himself in returning to society a better man, better prepared to cope with life; but of what value are these programs when treatment as I have related is allowed to continue? Very few men want to return to prison but a system as this one defeats the purpose for which it was intended. The majority of inmates are not psychologically and/or intellectually equipped to recognize the cause for their resentments and the actions that result from them--or of the consequences--returning to prison to complete the cycle. The cycle completed by a system that acts as a deterrent sometimes; and "breeds" crime most of the time.

This is only one isolated incident that I have related; there is much more--physical mistreatment of juvenile prisoners by guards, sex abuses, the drug problem etc., etc.

What happened today probably would have caused a riot in many institutions--but it didn't, at least--not yet. The atmosphere is tense and strained; and maybe the slow-burning fuse to this down-trodden "powder-keg" of humanity was lit today. But how many of us would suffer even unto death if this were to occur? A prison riot is handled very diplomatically and with a great degree of tact--"Shoot the bastards and bust their heads." No riot today but what about tomorrow, or next week, or next month? And who will suffer--both the innocent and the guilty.

and several Vietnam Vets. Jane Fonda is organizing a USO show. Bob Hope is not expected to appear.

Bringing it back home

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The march will take the Vets through the picturesque Hunterdon and Bucks counties, and such charming little towns as Bernardsville, Flemington, Sargeantsville, Lahaska, Buckingham, and Centre Square. The town officials have been informed of the march and have offered the VVAW people little resistance.

About an hour before the marchers reach a town, the citizens will be informed by leaflets that "a company of US infantry will be coming through here. If you were Vietnamese, we might burn your house....rape your wife and daughter....shoot you." Guerilla theater people from NYC and Phila. will be stationed along the route looking as average-middle-American as possible. They will be taken as prisoners and will receive simulated treatment similar to that sustained by Vietnamese civilians.

The Vets will make 3 encampments en route, marching approximately 25 miles per day, reaching Valley Forge State Park the morning of Sept. 7. A rally will be held at the Grand Parade Grounds from 10:30 A.M. til 3 P.M. Short speeches will be made by John Derry, Mark Lane, government officials

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Showdown At OK Corral

"We'll have to read your coverage of the last meeting before we decide" (whether or not the Open Valley will be admitted to cover City Council meetings), remarked City Council President Charles D. Snelling. Four Open Valley reporters tried to gain entrance to the City Council meeting Thursday night, Aug. 13. C.D. Snelling said he had read the first issue of the paper but did not "recognize" it. When asked how a newspaper becomes recognized, Charles replied, "WE determine who is to be recognized." Snelling for Governor.

Minister of Defense,
BLACK PANTHER PARTY



Huey P. Newton is on the street again

OAKLAND, Calif. (LNS) On August 5, Huey P. Newton returned to the streets. Two months ago the California State Court of Appeals reversed the sloppy voluntary manslaughter conviction that had kept Huey in jail for the last 35 months.

The prosecutors had two months to look for a trick to keep Huey locked up, but time ran out and on August 5 an Oakland judge presided over Huey's mandatory bail hearing pending a retrial this winter. While the defense asked that he be freed on his own recognizance, the prosecution asked that bail be set at \$50,000 and naturally the judge jumped at the chance. He also set September 25 as the day when the date of the new trial will be picked.

Outside the court building hundreds of young blacks and whites chanted and cheered in a wild celebration.

Huey escaped the courthouse, surrounded by a flying wedge of Panthers and waving a clenched fist. He tried to get into a car and got mobbed instead. So he climbed up on top of the car, quieted down the crowd and thanked his supporters for getting him free. The first thing he said: "Now I want you to do the same thing for the Soledad Brothers, Los Siete de la Raza, and all other political prisoners."

Under the hot sun, he tore off his Alameda County prison khaki shirt and looked enormously happy. "The people," he said, "have the power in their hands if they act together."


And we knew Huey was back. With difficulty, he managed to get into a car and then sped off. There were many other throngs waiting to greet him. Rumor had it he was heading East.



People in the News

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Carl Hampton, Chairman of Peoples Party II, a black revolutionary group with platform and program similar to the Black Panther Party, was assassinated by Houston Police snipers on July 26.

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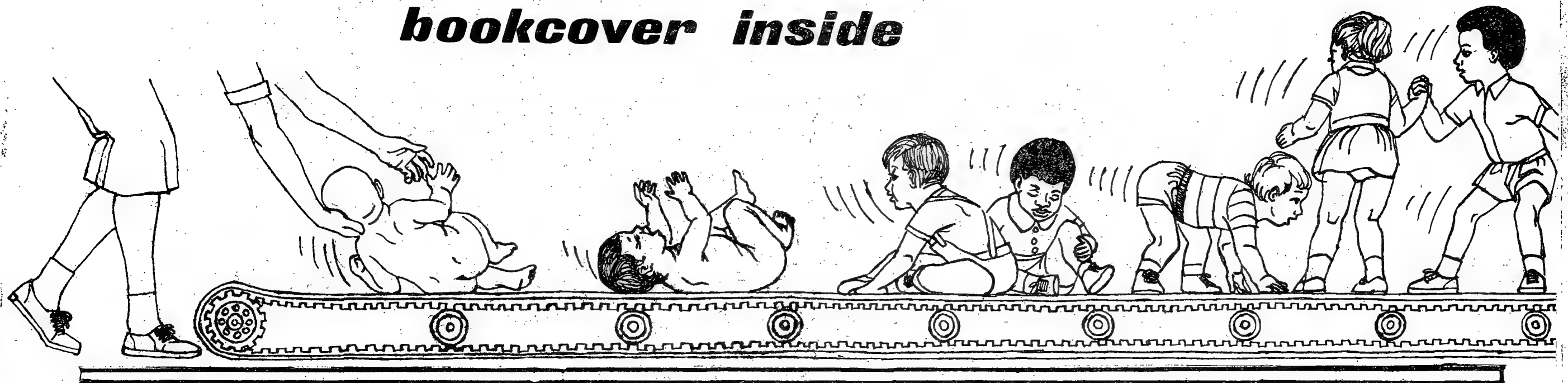
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Back To School: Back To The Pen?

This issue of *Open Valley* is devoted to student life at area high schools. On this page are articles about Allen and Hellertown-Lower Saucon. On page six are articles on Dieruff and Southern Lehigh.

Allen High School

Though Allen has had periodic curriculum conferences, there has been little indication of any decisive break with the traditional pedagogy. It is remarkable that an institution whose function is to help people transform themselves has such difficulty effecting change in itself. As Charles Silberman states in his article "High Schools That Work" (Atlantic Monthly, August 1970), "Learning is a transformation of the whole person. For this to happen, adolescents need a good deal of freedom for personal exploration and growth."

According to the Silberman article, curriculums using unscheduled time have been put into effect at several American high schools. Administrators at a high school in Abington, Pennsylvania, where 30% of student time is unscheduled, reported that out of 2000 students never more than 3% were unable to spend their free time productively. Furthermore, they found that approximately half of the unscheduled time was spent in the library, one third in study centers, and one tenth in the talking areas.

If a high school such as Allen is to be anything more than a place where a student must spend three years so that he will be permitted to enter a trade, go to college or get a job, then it must search for ways to enhance and develop the student's need for exploration and self-expression. And the search needs to begin with the realization that if a student is expected to develop personal responsibility he must first have the freedom to make choices.

An action that would help greatly to create a freer school atmosphere would be to leave at least one third of a student's school time unscheduled. During this time a student could pursue independent study, attend seminars, or take short courses (a semester or less in length) dealing with specific subjects which now either are not taught or are accessible only to students taking advanced subjects. These courses could, for example, include creative writing, ceramics, photography, the playing of a musical instrument, or training in the use of certain equipment. Students and teachers would work together in deciding on the content of the courses and seminars and in making sure the program succeeds. In addition, the students should be able to formulate, design, and teach any courses which a student or students have succeeded in mastering.

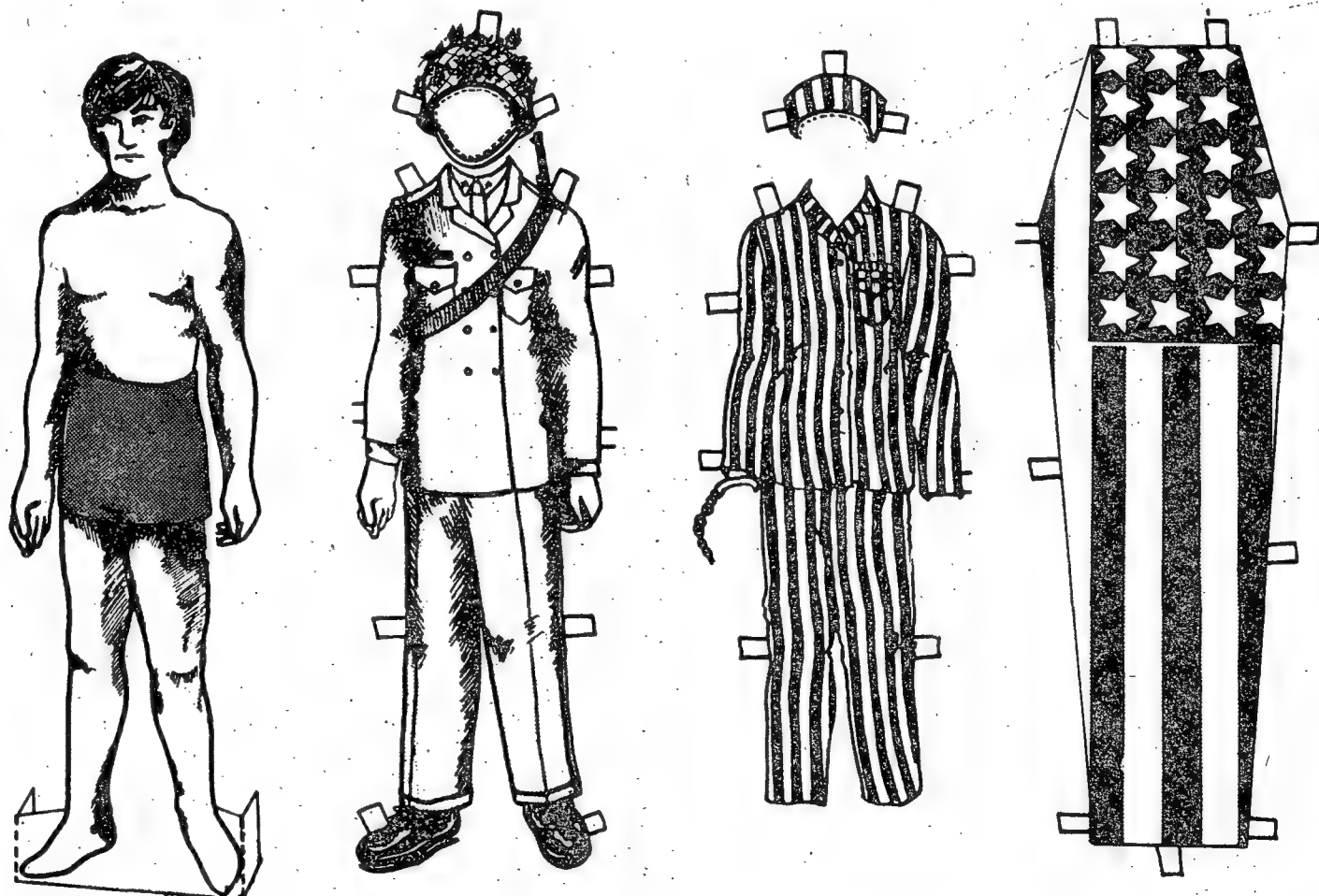
Students could do independent work and participate in the courses more for the sake of learning and doing than for getting a grade. Unscheduled time for students would give teachers more time in which to improve their courses, work on research of their own, participate in seminars, and teach the short courses.

Of course these changes would require that students no longer be herded into study halls. A student should have the alternative of going into a lounge or talking area where he could relax or hold discussions with other students or teachers. The library should be expanded so that students could go there anytime to do research. Also the idea that education can only take place in the classroom needs to be changed. The school should encourage student trips to places of cultural importance and try to bring good speakers and programs to the school.

in the confines of such a place?

Since the beginning of our education, we have been instilled with certain values and ideas. We are taught to compete rather than cooperate. We accept social concepts of our elders, no matter how wrong they may be. For example, remember the little girl we used to laugh at because she wore the same dress every day? And Communists are evil, right? And Blacks are really free, but they're lazy and stupid?

But mostly we are indoctrinated with the idea that some people are better than others and that we should always strive to rise above the others, to be in the highest social position. Unconsciously, these teachings have left their mark upon us. Should we be slightly wealthier than most, we will naturally congregate with most of our wealthy class. The same applies to those who may be more intelligent, prettier,



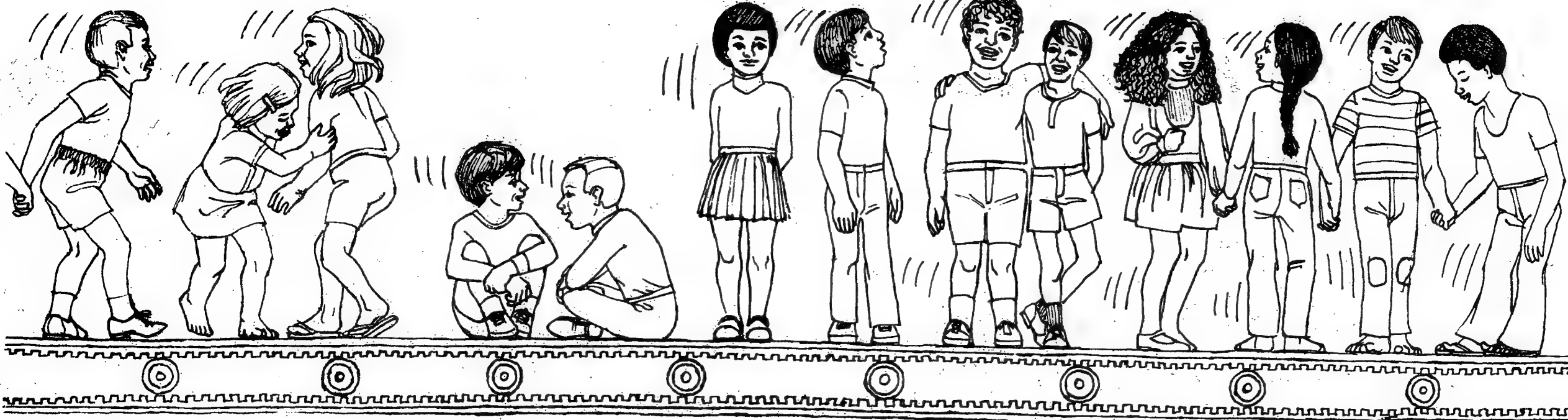
Hellertown-Lower Saucon

Although one's years at high school are supposedly an educational, emotional, and enlightening social experience in growth, I have serious doubts as I contemplate returning to Hellertown High School. Going into the senior year seems like a waste of time and ability when I remember the past two years there. Learning from the text, with little discussion, pure apathy as to general affairs, little or no chance for individuality, and teachers with touches of dictatorship: how can one expect to have a fulfilling education with-

more athletic, etc. For this reason, we become confined in one social class or clique, making it impossible to develop as a community and as full individuals.

Different strokes for different folks, except when everyone is expected to conform to one set of folks. At Hellertown, one clique in each grade is the ruling class, and these are usually the girls with beautiful clothing, the ability to memorize a text (but not to carry on a discussion), and their athletic boyfriends, who are heroes to most of the faculty, drive 'hot' cars ('55 or '57 Chevys with 327 cu. inch

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The Friendly Market -

Whistlin' Dixie At Zimmerman's

Hostility seems to be a marketable item in at least one Lehigh Valley Store. Upon entering, you are greeted in a style reminiscent of the old south ala EASY RIDER. Zimmerman's Market on the Seventh Street Pike in Allentown is the scene of quite a few acts of discrimination.

One such incident, in which I was involved personally, resulted in my expulsion from the store. As soon as we (I and one other guy) stepped into the place we found ourselves escorted through the aisles by an employee who followed us relentlessly, watching every move we made. We were not in the store two minutes before the owner of the market and his employees began their verbal abuse. They called us "crumbs" and a few other good ones. They said my parents should be ashamed of me. The only words I said were "What's it to you?" At that, the proprietor came out with the classic line: "I'll tell you what's it to me. This is my establishment, and if you don't like it get out." He said he didn't want our kind around. What he meant by our kind, I don't know. I don't know if he is out to get the "freaks" or all young people in general.

I went outside, and one of the people there followed me out and made sure I would not go in again. This he did by standing in front of the door and blocking the way, threatening me all the time. Meanwhile, my friend, who was still inside the store, was being challenged to a good old-fashioned fight by the proprietor, who said that there were enough men in the store to handle him if he couldn't. Just for the record, we hadn't done a thing to start this hassle. We remained quite neutral.

Being open twenty-four hours a day, the people working in Zimmerman's may have had many encounters with rude and dishonest people, long-haired or otherwise, but these people are individuals, and there is no justification for generalizing. If Zimmerman's is so afraid of robberies and vandalism, why does the store remain open all night? Why? Because there is more money to be made in twenty-four hours. In Zimmerman's situation, the amount of risk is directly proportional to the amount of money that can be made. The "almighty dollar" has given Mr. Z. his orders.

Again, being open twenty-four hours a day, he may feel that the people of the Lehigh Valley need him in the hours when no other store is opened, and, therefore, he doesn't have to worry about how he treats his customers. He forgets that anyone going into his store is doing him a favor.

Aside from violating good business practices, he is violating common courtesy. I leave that up to his conscience, if he has one. Zimmerman's Market is not your kind of place.

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says:

"We specialize in fresh country sausage and choice cuts of meats."
(P.S. You commie degenerates had better stay out of my market, too.)

OPEN 24 HOURS

The Student as Nigger

Students are niggers. When you get that straight, our schools begin to make sense. It's more important, though, to understand why they're niggers. If we follow that question seriously enough, it will lead us past the zone of academic bullshit where dedicated teachers pass their knowledge on to a new generation, and into the nitty-gritty of human needs and hangups. And from there we go on to consider whether it might ever be possible for students to come up from slavery.

- from *The Student as Nigger*
by Jerry Farber

Look at your future. What are you learning that is going to get you where you want to be? It's important for each of us to see that the system we live in is a Slave Plantation; a Prison; a Computer; a fantastic maze of Brick Walls that we can't help running into. It's especially important for us to see that the victimizing begins with what we call education. We have to dig that schools teach us Class Bias. They teach Respect for Authority, no matter how Phony. They orient us into Society, feeding us only what will serve to maintain its present values; they ask Society's favorite questions so they can feed us Society's answers. What we must do is start asking ourselves some hard questions about the real value of the educations we're getting.

ARE YOU A "SMARTIE" OR A "DUMBIE?"

Take a look at your future. Perhaps your demands on life are simple. You want a job, a family, and a life of your own. You want skills now that will prepare you for the Labor Force when you graduate from High School. And that's cool. Vocational and Technical Courses in the Lehigh Valley are good, and there is consistent demand for fresh High School grads with that training on the job market. If what you want is to work in a machine shop, that's cool. But honestly, is that all you want? So, someday, you may be shop manager or foreman. At most, you may own your own shop. But you'll always be a worker. You'll convince yourself that you're more, as all workers in America do, but that's what you'll be. But why is it that you don't want more? Really, how many times have you been told, in one way or another, that you'd never make anything better? Dig that when I was in Junior High School the classes in each grade were arranged from "smartest" to "dumbest". When I was a senior, all the "dumbies" were in Vocational Courses, and all the "smarties" were competing for honors in College Prep. Can you dig that? Were you programmed as a "dumbie"?

Competition. Lesson number one in High School. It brings me to those of you who have higher ambitions. You want college. Why? Think about it: Do you genuinely want to further your education? Do you want it because, in spite of all the hard work, you have decided to be a lawyer or whatever? How much do you want to get out of the Draft? To what extent does going to college make you feel important; as good as anyone else who's going; better than anyone who's not? Or is it not for yourself at all, that you've chosen College? Just a few questions. Be honest. The feelings are common and natural. They are nurtured by the system of education.

Assuming now, that your heart is set on college because you really want it, let's think about the things you're getting now that will really help you. Forget about the formulas you're being taught in Chemistry, and all the facts you've memorized the specific things; that's not why you're being taught these subjects. What's important is that you've learned to memorize. In Chemistry they teach the Method, and you're conditioned to follow

directions. If you don't learn it, as your grade will tell you, you're not being prepared for College. Conditioning. High School Lesson number two. It's memorization, rationalization, mesmerization, indoctrination, Americanization, etceterization. High Schools ought to teach Karma. Siddhartha says that all the knowledge in the world won't make a man wise. Only living can do that. The last thing that high schools do is teach us how to live. Nothing about sensitivity. Nothing about human feelings. Nothing to help us grow. And, most important, nothing about changing bad situations. They condition us instead to respect the Status Quo Mundi by virtue of its authority; however phony the authority may be.

TEACHERS ARE TO BE RESPECTED?

Teachers are to be respected. Teachers have the same superior attitude toward average students, the College Prep students have toward Vocational students, and down. We learn that if we are to get anything at all from our education we must respect their superiority. They have superior knowledge, even superior minds. We know that's not true. But the fact of his superiority is drilled in by the one thing he has which is superior. He is granted superior weapons. The gradewhip. The power to make us "smarties" or "dumbies" at his will. Over the years, we've learned to be scared of this. We should be. But how much do we realize that Fear is what keeps us down when we want to be up? And how often do we see that the teacher is scared, too, which is why he is using the Whip? It's like Dylan sings about the poor whites in the South: "... It ain't him to blame, 'cause he's only a pawn in the game." Teach is caught in the system too. Some phony authoritarian has got a whip over him.

WE'RE ALL NIGGER SLAVES NOW

So, we're all nigger slaves on this plantation. And we're conditioned by Fear to compete with each other. One or two of us may eventually get good enough at the game to be above most of the whips. But what about the rest of us? How do we come up from slavery? Look at it like this: When you walk into that school, the first thing they give you is an IBM card. If the system has anything to do with it, you are that IBM card forever. You're programmed for life. You'll register for the Draft when you're eighteen. There's Probably a station in your school office where you can do that conveniently. (Like a friend of mine, you may find your home-room teacher dragging you in there on your eighteenth birthday.) You'll graduate when your IBM card says you've learned everything. So how do you rise above that?

START TEACHING EACH OTHER!

First of all, you start digging that you're not an IBM card. YOU stop letting computers make decisions for you. I began this article with the assumption that you all know what you want, because I really believe that it's true. Rather, you will know when you stop letting anyone tell you that you're too immature to know that, or anything else. As long as they've got you there, they make all your decisions. Dig it. Coming up from slavery is not as simple as anything I've been talking about, but it starts with you. Stop competing. Stop being conditioned. Start asking questions. Start teaching each other. Eat your IBM card. Take a good hard look at your future and decide what you want. Then take it. "...I mean, take it easy, but take it."

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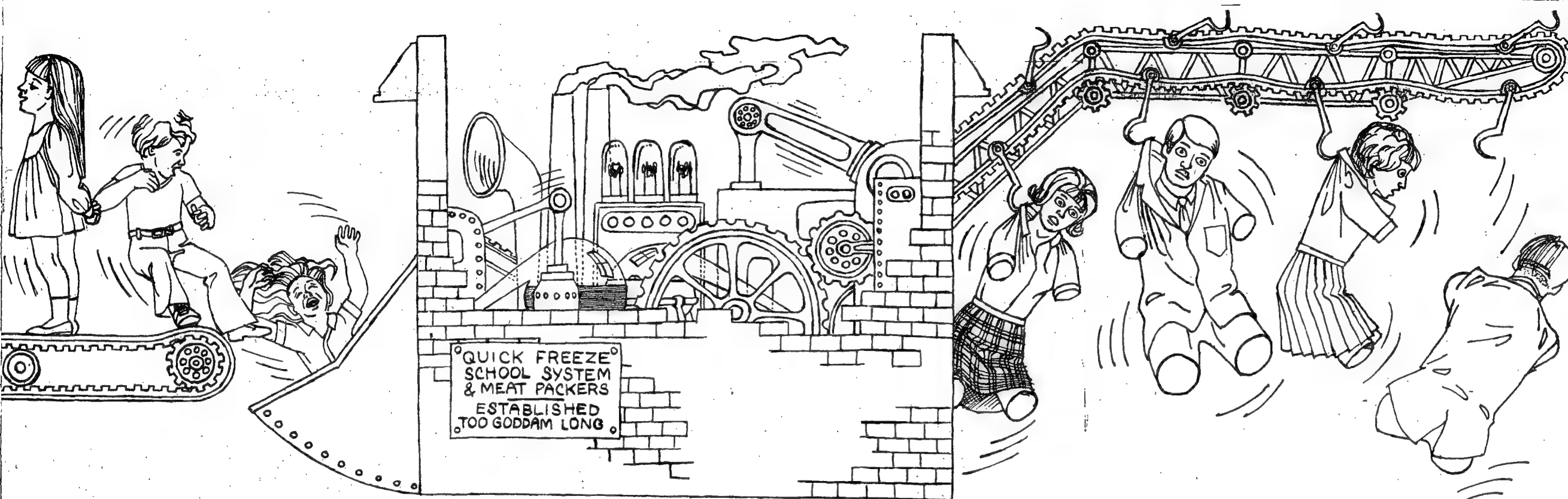
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Our schools serve as cold storage bins wherein can be deposited the troublesome young.

The most important of the many institutions society uses to incarcerate its undesirable are the school. Prisons take out of circulation those who commit crimes in a low class, uncool way, and madhouses confine those who's particular insanity doesn't match that of their "straight" peers. But schools, thanks to compulsory attendance laws and social and economic dictates manage to grab us all at one time or another.

They told John Lennon.

You're no good, you do woodwork.

To be forced to spend at least a seventh of a normal life span in a sterile room where "knowledge" is crammed down your throat, which is rarely interesting, usually indifferent, and all too often hostile to you and your desires is called education.. Instead of doing what a school is upposed to do, to free and expand your consciousness, the American school tends to create a destructing force against individuality, free expression, and genuine creativity. Our schools serve as cold storage bins wherein can be deposited the troublesome young. Their purpose is to keep these potentially dangerous elements out of the mainstream of life until they can be indoctrinated sufficiently so that their loyalty to the established order will be solidly formed.

Those who rate high on this class system can be packaged and groomed for the academic progression from high school to college. And those who don't quite make the grade for intellectual or personal reasons can then be justifiably told, to use John Lennon's phrase, "...you're no good - you do woodwork". Thus the Heaven ordained social order of academics and shop boys and home-ec girls can be maintained in peace and harmony into infinity.

Education as a tracking system

There are, unfortunately, many people who will read these last two paragraphs and accept them as a realistic way to order people's lives. For them, institutions and systems that define a person's worth by his standing on objective tests are valuable ways to keep things as they should be. The educational - industrial complex that is being formed is just as reassuring a symbol of the stable world as the military - industrial complex it is complementing. Instead of answering demands by those who should have the ultimate decision for what they want - the students - these defenders of the status will eagerly press on us more classrooms, more years spent in them, and more sophisticated technological gadgetry to replace what should be the core of educational experience - teachers and students carrying on a free dialogue on equal and mutually stimulating levels.

The greatest perversion of them all which our schools perpetrate on the organic concept of democratic education is the rigid tracking system. American schools, once supposed to break down class barriers and restrictions, now, with the precise means that school administrations, guidance counselors, and curriculum planners have at their disposal, everyone can be assigned

to their proper roles and place in the scheme of things. Infallible guide to human potential such as classroom aptitude and the college boards testing results and the degree to which the "advisee" life style corresponds to correct middle class values systems can be used to make sure no one will be out of place in the future.

Such people will use the school just as they have used "national defense" to manipulate one's life to their wishes. The learning process is as fertile a field for their operations as the death industry is. It would not be too much of an exaggeration to equate the IBM card educational system with the ultra nationalism as the new rallying point of opportunism. To use a quote from an astute observer of the American scene, "Education has replaced patriotism as the last refuge of the scoundrels."

Revolutionary Mandate 2

Never leave a meeting
hating your brothers and sisters
no matter how wrong you think they are.

There will always be differences about
the role of the proletarian
workers
blacks
women
strategy
tactics

but these are not important enough
(are they?)
to make us hate each other.

Never let your wife
husband
go to bed if anger is all
you can communicate to each other.

Never let your children
go to sleep thinking that
you are angry with them.

Never leave on a trip
unless your family knows
of your intense love for them.

Kiss touch feel
not only your wife/husband/ lover
but especially your friends.

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Never ignore an opportunity
to love.

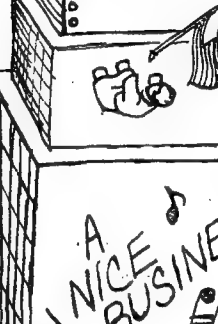
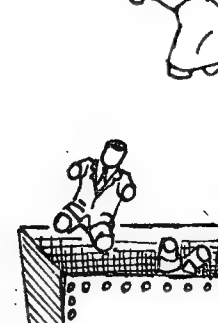
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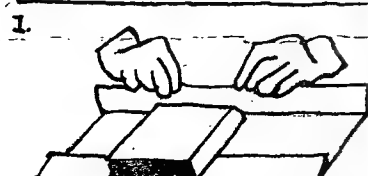
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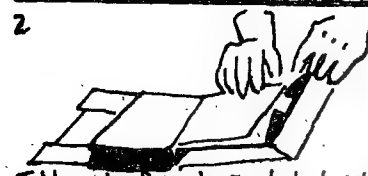
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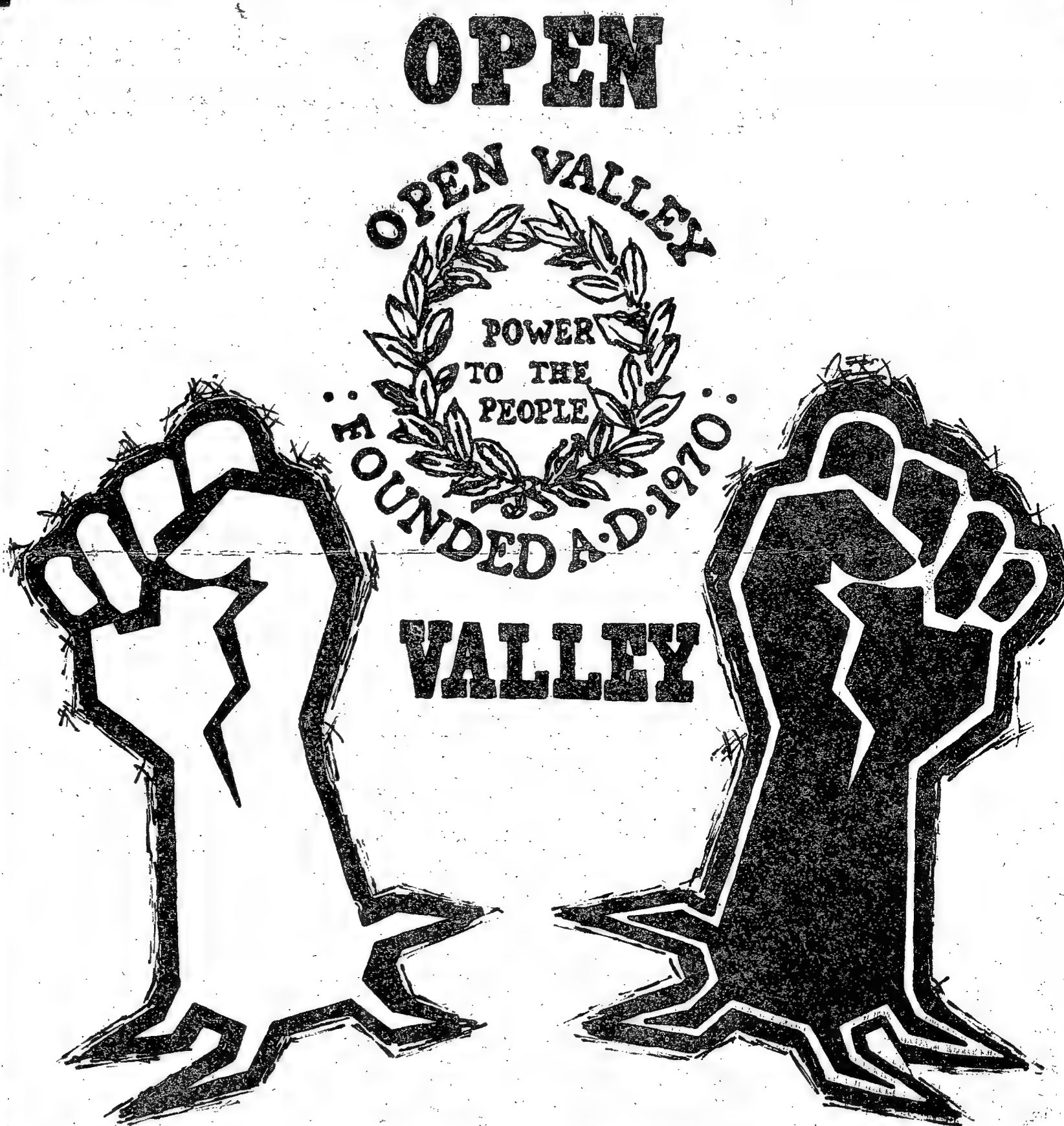
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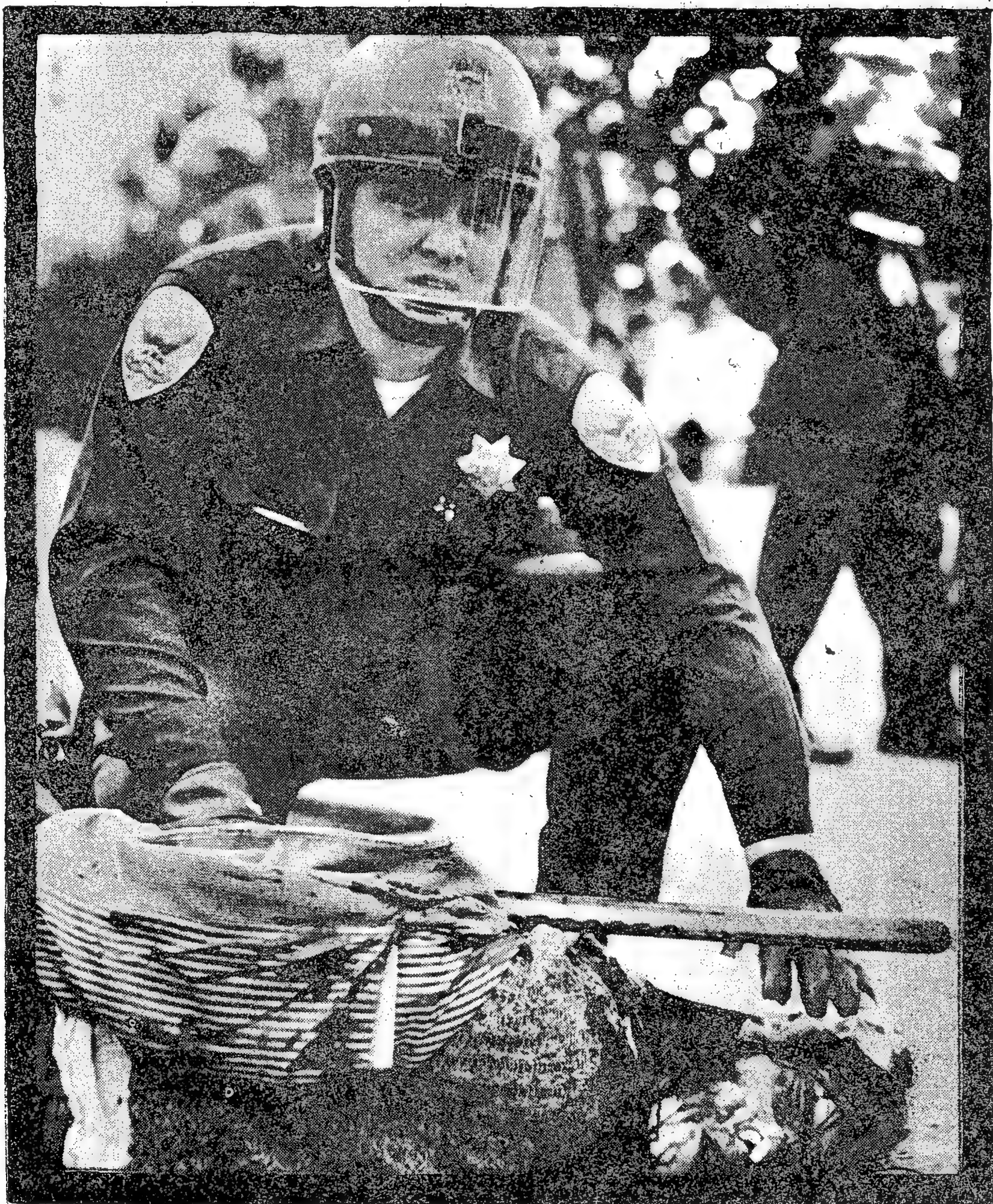
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How can
"I love
after her
"CARS LO"
Does anyone understand

e, what organization you belong
do all day, how you live.
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Amerikan youth is looking for a reason to die. A reason to die
is a reason to live. Amerika gives us no reason to die-or live.
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Come mothers and fathers, throughout
the land
and don't criticize what you can't
understand
Your sons and your daughters are beyond
your command,
your old road is rapidly aging.
Please get out of the new one if you
can't lend your hand.
Oh, the times they are a changin'.

-Bob Dylan, "The Times They are
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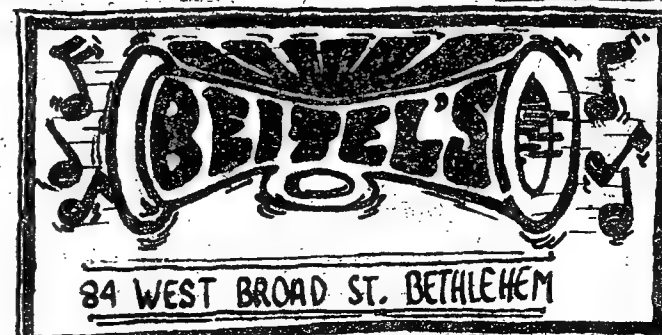
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The Communists are here!!!

This generation gap is the widest in history. The pre-1950's
generation has nothing to teach the post-1950's, and that's why the
school system is falling apart.
The pre-1950's generation grows more desperate. We dreamers disturb
straight Amerika's dreamless sleep.
They were alive when Germany created concentration camps for Jews
and other troublemakers.
Will they send us, their own children, to concentration camps?
...p.90-91



I say
you"
uring:
E SHELL."
nd what I mean?

Back to school..... cont. from page one

Dieruff

What I and other students at Dieruff have is a mild case of "Prison Blues." By this I mean that the students here are forced to tolerate all kinds of shit from the administration and most of the teaching staff. We are daily deprived a number of our constitutional rights. One of the most frequently violated is the freedom of speech and expression, as defined in the first amendment. We have a dress code which stipulates the kind of clothes we are to wear. The constitution clearly does not give any public organization the right to deny anyone the privilege of wearing or saying what they feel. When I stopped Dieruff's principal, "Funky" Joe Barrett, in the hall one day, I asked him why guys must wear socks and girls don't. He answered simply, "It looks like hell!" He gave me no other reason. Barrett also expresses and enforces rather simplistic opinions on hair length. A long-haired student might miss a day of classes because of this inane rule.

Another constantly violated right is that of a peaceful assembly. A group of students might be rapping in the hall, on their own time, when a teacher will come over and break the group up. As this type of action is, at best, quasi-legal, and comes at the very whim of the teacher involved, it is natural that the students would exhibit hostility and, in the long run, alienation. After a group of students was scattered, the teacher told me to quit smiling and get into my room or he would "kick my ass in..."

If Joe Barrett wishes to have peace, order, and discipline, then he should become aware of certain facts:

- 1) Students can no longer tolerate the bullshit of his administration.
- 2) He will have to recognize that his way is not always the right way, and that students rights are more important to them than the extra-legal opinions of the administration.
- 3) He will have to reform his rules and enforcement techniques, if he he wants to exist peacefully this year at Dieruff. Right on!

radical reading list

Fanshen - Bill Hinton

Do It! - Jerry Rubin

Soul On Ice - Eldridge Cleaver

Woodstock Nation - Abbie Hoffman

Autobiography of Malcolm X

Age of Imperialism - Harry Magdoff

Who Rules America? - G. Wm. Domhoff

Seize the Time - Bobby Seale

Joy (about sensitivity training)
- Friedrich Schutz

Wretched of the Earth - Frantz Fanon

The Counter Culture - Theodore Roszak

Divided Self and Politics of Experience
- R.D. Laing

Armies of the Night and Miami and the Siege of Chicago
- Norman Mailer

Nigger - Dick Gregory

How to Talk Dirty and Influence People
The Essential Lenny Bruce
- Lenny Bruce

Outlaw Blues - Paul Williams

Hellertown

engines and three two-barrled carburators), and have well-kept short hair. All of them future employees and/or housewives, taking the college prep course because it wouldn't be good to get stuck with the general, tech, or business course kids.

The kids in the second clique do their best to imitate the ruling class, but never quite reach the pedestal and hate themselves for it. The rest of the school population is composed of various people who don't go with anyone and are thought of as strange: the kids who have been in trouble and aren't accepted by any group; the long-hairs, who are constantly trying to abolish the apathy and trying to "cause trouble" with their underground newspapers; and those who fend for themselves, not caring to be a part of the whole system, and who are secretly feared because of the lurid and vile stories going around about them. All these make up the minority groups, and none of them may touch the others or the top group.

How can Hellertown, quite often the laughing stock of the Lehigh Valley, ever be expected to better itself with the detachment of its students from each other such as they are now? With different cliques being thrown together in classes & sections, the caste system isn't working to the benefit of education. Should a person raise a question which might actually prompt discussion, he is given a withering look from his above-classmates to let him know he is out of place. Some of the top-clique girls actually come out with an audible "Tsk!". When an issue comes out which everybody is against, such as the 1969 dress-code policy, very little can be done because the student refuse to work together, or because the apathy tends to be the "I don't like it but there isn't anything I can do about it" kind. One cannot express his or her true feelings without putdowns and hassles from others. Should a clique decide to work on one particular person, slander becomes rampant, leaving the victim helpless, angry, and humiliated.

We must get together now! Let's tear down the walls which keep us apart, cast off the values with which we are indoctrinated in school. We can be happier and accomplish more when we cooperate rather than compete. We can develop naturally as individuals in a community only when we don't restrict the size of our community to a clique. We can respect each other and be respected only when we destroy elitism (pretending to be part of a superior group).

Good morning, teacher
Pledge of Allegiance
I could scream!
Home room, hall chaos
Books, notes, pushing mess
I could scream!
Cats, cribs, hypocrisy
Crush, homework, considering suicide
I could scream!
Questions, emptiness
Punishment, psychology
Math and English
O, please give me time and a place to
Scream!

Southern Lehigh, like others, specializes in boredom

Southern Lehigh, like other schools, specializes in alienation, irrelevance, and boredom. Students drift through the poorly lit halls like zombies. Teachers scream and call students stupid, or claim they don't try.

Faculty, however, is only a part of the dung heap called Solehi. Written within our "Student Handbook" are the following words: "Smoking will not be permitted on the school property or in the building." Meanwhile, back at the lavatory, several classes of boppers, punks, and all around freaks are creating an inversion layer of various types of smoke. No smoking area or lounge is provided, even after repeated requests. Pity the straight student who comes from the lav smelling like a Marlboro king size, after nearly strangling.

The administration employs the absurd policy of not permitting a student to change his course after he has elected it. (excluding Latin, which, for some inane reason, the school discourages taking) This means that after the student has

subterranean homesick blues

Johnny's in the basement
mixing up the medicine
I'm on the pavement
thinking about the government
The man in the trenchcoat
badge out, laid off
says he's got a bad cough
wants to get paid off
Look out kid
it's something you did
God knows when
but you're doin it again
you better duck down the alley way
lookin for a new friend
The man in the coonskin cap
by the big pen
wants eleven dollar bills
you only got ten.

Maggie comes fleet foot
face full of black soot
talkin at the heat
glancin at the bedbug
phones tapped anyway
Maggie says that many say
they must bust in early May
orders from the DA
Look out kid
don't master what you did
Walk on your tip-toes
don't try no booze
better stay away from those
that hang around the firehose
Keep a clean nose
wash your clean clothes
you don't need a weatherman
to know which way the wind blows

Oh, get sick get well
hang around an ink well
ring bell hard to tell
if anything is goin to sell
try hard get barred
get back write braille
get jailed, jump bail
join the army if you fail
Look out kid
you're gonna get hit
but users cheaters
sixtime losers
hang around the theatres
girl by the whirlpool
lookin for a new fool'
Don't follow leaders
watch the parkin meters

Ah, get born keep warm
short pants romance learn to dance
get dressed get blessed
try to be a success
Please her, Please him buy gifts
don't steal don't lift
Twenty years of schoolin
and they put you on the day shift
Look out kid they keep it all hid
better jump down a manhole
light yourself a candle don't wear sandals
try to avoid the scandals
don't wanna be a bum
you better chew gum
The pump don't work
cause the vandals took the handles.

-Bob Dylan
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marked down his course for the next year, (sometime in May) he is doomed to take that course no matter what. Last year, a few students who elected pre-calculus for their senior year found it too difficult. Rather than fail, they wished to drop it. Drop it? Are you kidding? Not even the instructor of the course could convince the administration to let the kids change. In the end, at least one flunked the subject, lowering his class standing, and his chances of getting into a good college. Solehi also offers the student a wide array of academic advancement and improvement. The language department consists of French or German. Occasionally, one may get Latin. The math dept. can only be described as pitiful.

Just to round out the character of Solehi, graduation speakers are chosen by teachers, not elected by the students. A history teacher is a Neo-Nazi. Thousands of dollars were spent on a new football team, while students are smashed into the cafeteria. In short, Southern Lehigh High School just doesn't care about students, either as an individual or a group.

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Caution: Don't let your studies interfere with your education.

I hated high school! Of course, I had all the makings of an All-American rah-rah girl and, by most standards, I was quite successful. I had plenty of friends - male and female. I was in the top section, edited the school paper, and belonged to many clubs. But too often I was miserable - angry, frustrated, and lonely.

I used to feel apologetic about my state-of-mind; feeling unhappy seemed un-American. But now I've gained perspective (I graduated from high school in June '69) and suspect that many of my classmates shared my feelings. The myth that high school days are the happiest of your life is perpetuated by adults who cannot see beyond their own nostalgia.

When I try to think back on the most significant educational experiences of my high school years, I come to the conclusion that hardly any of them occurred in the classroom. This realization is nothing new. Students have been complaining for years about the irrelevance of their formal education. But when courses, exams, and papers start to conflict with a student's yearning for learning, a choice must be made.

Do I help my best friend work out the problems that are depressing her or do I spend three hours working out calculus problems?

Should I read The Autobiography of Malcolm X or put up with Silas Marner for tomorrow's class discussion?

For the serious student, of course, there would be no question. "You are in these hallowed halls to get an education,



Barb Prince, almost an All-American rah-rah girl.

and if you don't take advantage of the opportunities, you are wasting your time." Caution: Don't let your studies interfere with your education.

The student should be entitled to pursue knowledge without the fear of making mistakes. "We learn from our mistakes," the teachers tell us in an attempt to comfort us for deducted points and lower grades. But when the student errs, the student suffers.

What ever happened to the magic process of discovery?

It has no boundaries, so take education out of the four walls of the classroom to the world outside. The power of a wave, the way sand sticks to your toes, or the mechanics of a pocket watch are not included in any curriculum, but the urge to learn about them is irresistible. Hours spent rapping on the street to strangers or hitching around the country can't be counted for credits, but they teach about real people, rather than characters in books.

When students are silently chained to desks, when the teacher's way is the right way, when correctness becomes more important than creativity, the will to learn dies.

I was told that you have to spend four years of high school studying and preparing for the adult life to come, but what about the life right now?

Don't kid yourself! You're not going to be anything, you are now. And for a real person, "Experience is the best teacher."

Suzie High School, Do You Accept AM Radio's Jive?

A large part of the subculture today is music--specifically, for high school students, radio music. More specifically, for this area, a certain radio station in Allentown. Recently I'm sure you've heard the little jingles announcing RIGHT ON after records. Cool, right? Wrong. This is known as verbal prostitution, or if you prefer, air pollution. This term was first used by the Black Panther Party to show solidarity with the ideas of Brothers. White radicals have picked it up for the same reason. OK, maybe. But now we hear it after bubblegum songs about first love, fast cars, broken hearts and last kisses. This is one example of the cooptation and bastardization of the Movement by the media, and degradation of symbols, phrases, etc. to a very mundane level where they lose their significance.

Other things about radio to which aware students should object are ads for acne miracle cures, body counts on the news, humiliation of the Women's Lib movement and much, much, more, after five minutes of advertising from our sponsors. Sound familiar? And the music. You know the quality of music that is available on FM. Why should the most listened to station in the valley cater to 6th graders and little old ladies' fantasies about their young love. The movement is beginning to creep into the air waves. Some lyrics we've heard this summer were "War, what is it good for?" and "Don't want that bloody war no more!" Instead of having Suzie High School call in and say that the number one song on the Super Grooby Hot Line is "Be Bop Baby", why not request "Volunteers" by the Jefferson Air Plane?"

Your ears are subjected to this shit because you accept it. If you don't dig it, don't take it. Call the phone number they provide you with every 30 seconds, and tell them what you think. Call often. Mess up business. Write in suggested songs to be played, what you'd like to hear. Collect signatures, and threaten to stop listening. We can print articles about this if you get it going. The advertisers will hear about it and shit in their pants. As you all know, money is running the country.

"You can get anything you want-- just ORGANIZE!"

THE AIR WAVES BELONG TO THE PEOPLE. RIGHT ON!

In their air-conditioned muzak boxes

I am a hitch-hiker. I usually hitch, or try to, about three times a day. I am also a female person, slightly hip-looking and definitely unformidable. One would think I would have an easy time getting rides. But here I stand, my finger in the traditional manner, for 5 minutes, 10 minutes, now twenty minutes pass and it's starting to rain. Well, maybe I'll get a ride if I stand here all pitiful and wet.

Oh, well, I guess I'll walk awhile. A car passes full of long-hairs. Oh, wow, they give me the peace sign. Thanks, brothers. Why didn't you stop and give this sister a ride? All the business men on their way home from work slow down and stare. Why don't you go around the block again for a better look?

All these people in their air-conditioned muzak boxes traveling in safety and security from their air-conditioned muzak offices to their air-conditioned muzak homes don't know how to take a fellow human being's approach for help. Women drivers seem especially indignant about hitch-hikers. Once a woman locked her car doors when she saw me on a corner hitching. Some people pull their cars as far over to the other side of the street as they dare to stay away from me. I guess they think I might throw a brick at their cars.

Oh, I must admit I do get rides, usually middle-aged men who's first comments are "Gee, I never saw a girl hitching around here before." Sometimes I'm asked where the action is in Allentown if the guy is from out of town. Comments like "What are you doing tonight, honey?" from a fifty year old really blow my mind! Listen, buddy, hands off now, and I mean it. I just want a ride, and not the kind you're thinking of! Boy, some people!

Well, now that I'm only about three more miles out of my way on this back country road, I guess I'll walk back to the main road and try to hitch home. Wish me luck, friends.

From the mailbag:

You people-? are a real bunch of top notch nuts. I hope you rot in hell. There is no more that can be said about you--you really stink - in red colors -

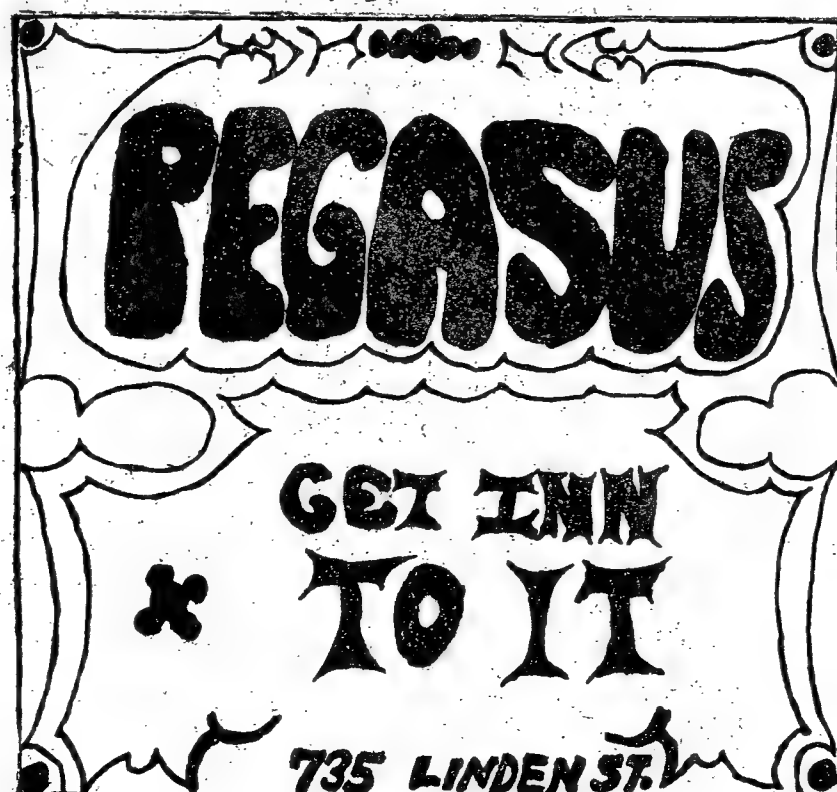
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(reprint of a postcard sent to Open Valley)



He not busy being born
Is busy dyin

-Bob Dylan "It's Alright Ma"
(M. Witmark & Sons, Spring 1965)



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lis, Shelly Coll, Bob Cole, Dick
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Holland, Mrs. Anna Hunt, Curt Shell,
Tom Watts, First Presbyterian
Church (spiritual guidance), Che,
and Chip 'Shotgun' Layfield. (The
American Blue Jean Conspiracy
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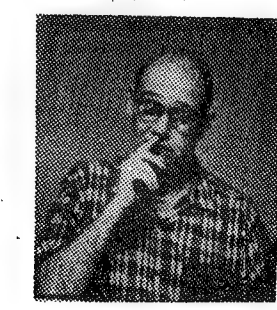
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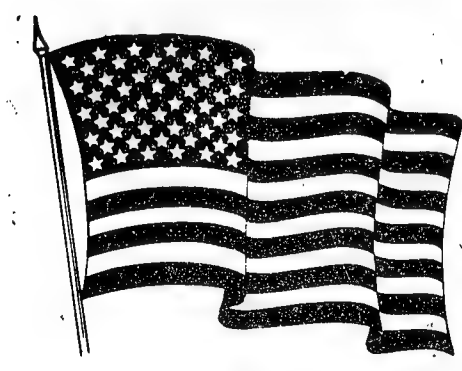
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Boycott Santana

MLF Strikes!

The MLF is striking back against the rock groups, agents, and promoters who have been exploiting our culture for their own profits. The Santana concert promoted by Tom and Jerry Productions at the Nazareth Speedway is another example of robbing people by selling over-priced tickets.

The MLF strongly backs a concerted effort to boycott the Santana concert on October 8.

To assist in this movement, come to the Nazareth Speedway at the time of the concert, refuse to buy a ticket, tell others not to enter. Picket signs will be extremely effective in gathering more people. A determined show of force can pressure the promoters to open the gates to everyone..

a tribute to jimi hendrix

Three minutes into a five-minute news broadcast on a popular Philadelphia AM radio station, the announcer read a short notice that "acid-rock guitarist Jimi Hendrix was found dead in London this morning of an alleged overdose of heroin." The announcer then slipped dispassionately into a comment on the 'crisis' in the Middle East. Nothing more - no tribute, no evaluation, just who, what, where, when and how, without even a why.

But such a casual notice seems an inappropriate marking of the death of one of the premier musical talents of our time.

Hendrix created a form and a style that intellectually defied comprehension, but his power and style immediately spoke to the children of a dying nation. His music cut across the polite obscurity of a generation of misty-eyed, duck-tailed crooners and screamed for attention among the alienated and the dropped-out. Hendrix played to a caterpillar nation electrically breaking out of its cocoon and said "I understand." And he created a musical world based on Experience, proving that he understood.

So Jimi Hendrix is gone. The promoters, producers and plastic opportunists will cover his grave and his memory with discs and dollar bills.

When 12,000 young people came together in the early part of September at the Allentown Fairgrounds to conduct themselves peacefully and to hear Chicago, everyone was pleased. The "law enforcement officers" were happy because of the passive mood of the crowd; Chicago was glad to play for us; and Tom Makul and Jerry Roth Productions was immensely pleased to make a profit from the \$4.75 and \$6.00 tickets. Then Mr. Leidig, the president of the Fairgrounds Association, showed his true colors and announced to the public that no longer would the fairgrounds play host to rock concerts because they created "too much excitement".

In response to this vacancy of mind by Mr. Leidig, 80 people demonstrated their opposition to his insane policies. Friday, September 11, by marching to the Fairgrounds from William Allen High School. Although it drew little response except close surveillance from "law enforcement officials", the Music Liberation Front was begun.

The demonstration, organized by David Heckman, a junior at Penn State, lasted four tours around the Fairgrounds as the group grew to about 150 people. They then marched to the home of Phil Storch, secretary of the Fairgrounds Association. The group sat in front of the house chanting to the tune of Jefferson Airplane's "Volunteers". Half an hour later Mr. Storch emerged to talk to the crowd. When asked why the concerts were cancelled, Storch claimed the Fairgrounds Association had actually lost money on the concert. He also stated that 39 chairs were broken or taken from the grandstand. However, he refused to comment when asked how many of the rotten and ancient chairs were broken during fair week.

A heated discussion developed when the group did not want only four people to talk to Leidig, but after Storch's ridiculous answers, the people realized that the Fairgrounds Association would not give in to their demands. Instead, a decision was made to organize their own "free" concerts and put an end to the exploitation of people by promoters and groups alike.

The following Monday a short meeting held in the Parkway brought people together. Leaflets were distributed announcing a meeting to be held the next Wednesday. Wednesday, September 16, about 250 people gathered in the Robin Hood area of the

While they rake in their profits, they drain off a part of Jimi's soul, and a part of all of us dies.



Parkway. Its purpose was to allow everyone to offer suggestions on how the concerts should be set up, with the use of an open microphone. There was a great deal of disagreement within the group. An extreme point of view was presented by David Heckman's aunt, Mrs. Daley, his uncle, Richard Ziegler, and by his mother. Mrs. Daley failed to understand why people would want free rock concerts instead of paying for seats.

Since that humble beginning, the MLF has grown to over 200 concerned people who have contacts with groups, equipment, and school newspapers, all willing to work to obtain our goals. These goals are:

1. Free music or music at a minimal cost for the people of the Lehigh Valley who have been exploited to the point of rebellion by groups, their agents, local promoters, and even public officials.
2. An intense campaign to rid our culture of Mafia-oriented smack pushers and to get the people high on music instead of drugs.

Another meeting held Sunday, Sept. 20 informed the people of the progress being made by MLF. 24 local groups have already agreed to play free if a site is obtained. A number of sites are being sought; however, the natural environment of the Lehigh Parkway is the preferred position. The Park belongs to all the people and should be allowed to be used by all the people.



Michael Schlosser, a spokesman for MLF, then explained that the MLF liberated the Lehigh Parkway by exposing the 10 p.m. to 6 a.m. curfew as being an illegal act used by the police to prevent youths from using public parks. In a meeting with Carson Gable, Allentown's Chief of Police, four members of MLF, Louise Gentile, Robin Stefaniak, David Heckman, and Michael Schlosser, confronted him with the policies his hirings pursue in their everyday harassment of the youth of the Lehigh Valley. The Park is ours, and no longer will the police act as the "Protectors" of public parks by forcing people to move for trespassing on public property.

A two and a half hour radio program, Open Mike on WKAP, was spent discussing purposes of the MLF. A number of questions were answered concerning its motives. The two members of MLF on the show, Robin Stefaniak and Leroy Hein, received a great deal of approval for their work.

MLF wishes to thank Mr. Leidig, Mr. Gable, and Mr. Makul. Without their help the movement would never have been started. If there was too much excitement before, they've been instrumental in the policy-making that will destroy them.

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open valley tribe

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Friends and Comrades throughout the United States and throughout the world,

we gather here in peace and friendship to claim our inalienable rights, to claim the rights bestowed upon us by an unbroken train of abuses and usurpations, and to perform the duty which is thus required of us. Our sufferance has been long and patient, our prudence has stayed this final hour, but our human dignity and strength requires that we still the voice of prudence with the cries of our sufferance. Thus we gather in the spirit of revolutionary love and friendship for all oppressed people of the world regardless of their race or the race and doctrine of their oppressors. We gather to proclaim to the world that for 200 years we have suffered this long train of abuses and usurpations while holding to the hope that this would pass. We recognize however, that it has not passed and we are a people who enjoy no equal protection of the law, and our future action must be guided by our sufferance, and not by our prudence.

Two centuries ago when the United States was a new nation, conceived in liberty and dedicated to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness, the conditions which prevailed in the nation, and the assumptions upon which its foundations were built, were such that they ensured the United States would come to its maturity under circumstances which mean that for a substantial proportion of its citizens, life is nothing more than a prison of poverty, and the only happiness we enjoy is the laughing to keep from crying.

The United States of America was born at a time when the nation covered relatively little land, a narrow strip of political divisions on the Eastern seaboard. The United States was born at a time when the population was small and fairly homogenous both racially and culturally. Thus the people called Americans were a different people in a different place. Furthermore, they had a different economic system. The small population and the fertile land available meant that with the agricultural emphasis of the economy and with the circumstances surrounding it, Democratic Capitalism flourished in the new nation.



The Democratic Capitalism of our early days became caught up in the relentless drive to obtain profits.

The following years were to see this new nation rapidly develop into a multi-limbed giant. The new nation acquired land and spread from a narrow strip on the Eastern seaboard to cover the entire continent with but few exceptions. The new nation acquired a population to fill this newly acquired land. This population was drawn from the continents of Africa, Asia, Europe, and South America. Thus a nation conceived by a homogenous people of small number and in a small area grew into a nation of a heterogeneous people, comprising a large number, and spread across the entire continent. This change in the fundamental characteristics of the nation and its people substantially changed the nature of American society. Furthermore, the social changes were marked by economic changes. A rural and agricultural economy became an urban and industrial economy, as farming was replaced by manufacturing. The Democratic Capitalism of our early days became caught up in a relentless drive to obtain profits until the selfish motivation for profit eclipsed the unselfish principles of democracy. Thus 200 years later we have an overdeveloped economy which is so infused with the need for profit that we have replaced Democratic Capitalism with Bureaucratic Capitalism. The free opportunity of all men to pursue their economic ends has been replaced by constraints placed upon Americans by the large corporations which control and direct our economy. They have sought to increase their profits at the expense of the people, and particularly at the expense of the racial and ethnic minorities.

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The history of the United States, as distinguished from the promise of the idea of the United States, leads us to the conclusion that our sufferance is basic to the functioning of the government of the United States. We see this

when we note the basic contradictions found in the history of the nation. The government, the social conditions, and the legal documents which brought freedom from oppression, which brought human dignity and human rights to one portion of the people of this nation had entirely opposite consequences for another portion of the people. While the majority group achieved their basic human rights, the minorities achieved alienation from the lands of their fathers and slavery. The evidence for this is clear and incontrovertible.

THE NEED FOR A NEW CONSTITUTION



by
HUEY P.
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MESSAGE TO THE CONVENTION SEPT. 5

We find evidence for majority freedom and minority oppression in the fact that the expansion of the United States government and the acquisition of lands was at the unjust expense of the American Indians, the original possessors of the land and still its legitimate heirs. The long march of the Cherokees on the "Trail of Tears" and the actual disappearance of many other Indian nations testifies to the unwillingness and inability of this government and this government's Constitution to incorporate racial minorities.

We find evidence for majority freedom and minority oppression in the fact that even while the early settlers were proclaiming their freedom they were deliberately and systematically depriving Africans of their freedom. These basic contradictions were further exacerbated by acts which implicitly admitted that the majority was wrong, but unwilling to do right. Thus when the Declaration of Independence was drafted the Founding Fathers struck all mention of the slave trade. Thus when the Constitution was drafted the Founding Fathers considered the slaves as 3/5 of a man. Thus when the slaves were emancipated, the descendants of the Founding Fathers compromised that freedom to gain further territory. These compromises were so basic to the thinking of our forebears that legal attempts to correct the contradictions through constitutional amendments and Civil Rights laws have produced no change in our condition and we are still a people without equal protection and due process of law. We recognize then that the oppressive acts of the United States government when contrasted with the testaments of freedom, carry forward a basic contradiction found in all the legal documents upon which this government is based.

The vision of the Civil Rights Movement is to achieve goals which have been altered by 200 years of change.



Generation after generation of the majority group have been born, they have worked, and they have seen the fruits of their labors in life, liberty, and happiness of their children and grandchildren. Generation after generation of Black people in America have been born, they have worked, and they have seen the fruits of their labors in the life, liberty, and happiness of the children and grandchildren of their oppressors, while their own descendants wallow in the mire of poverty and deprivation, holding only to the hope of change in the future. This hope has sustained us for many years and has led us to suffer the administrations of a corrupt government. At the dawn of the 20th Century this hope led us to formulate a Civil Rights movement in the belief that this government would eventually fulfill its promise to Black people. We did not recognize, however, any attempt to complete the promise of an 18th Century Revolution in the framework of a 20th Century government, economy and society was doomed to failure. The descendants of that small company of original settlers are not among the common people of today; they have become a small ruling class in control of a worldwide economic system.

The constitution set up by their ancestors to serve the people no longer serves the people, for the people have changed. The people of the 18th Century have become the ruling class of the 20th Century, and the people of the 20th Century are the descendants of the slaves and the dispossessed of the 18th Century. The constitution set up to serve the people of the 18th century now serves the ruling class of the 20th Century, and the people of today stand waiting for a foundation of their own life, liberty and pursuit of happiness. The Civil Rights Movement has not produced this foundation, and it cannot produce this foundation because of the nature of the United States society and economy. The vision of the Civil Rights Movement is to achieve goals which have been altered by 200 years of change. Thus the Civil Rights Movement and similar movements have produced no foundation for life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness. They have produced humiliating programs of welfare and unemployment compensation, programs with sufficient form to deceive the people, but with insufficient substance to change the fundamental distribution of power and resources in this country.

Moreover, while these movements attempt to get minorities into the system, we note that the government continues its pattern of practices which contradict its democratic rhetoric. We recognize now that we see history repeating itself but on an international as well as a national scale. The relentless drive for profit led this nation to colonize, oppress and exploit its minorities. This profit drive took this nation from democratic capitalism and underdevelopment, to bureaucratic capitalism and overdeveloped industry. Now we see that this small ruling class continues its profit drive by oppressing and exploiting the peoples of the world. Throughout the world the lumpenproletariat is crushed so that the profits of American industry can continue to flow. Throughout the world the freedom struggles of oppressed people are opposed by this government because they are a threat to bureaucratic capitalism in the United States of America.



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We gather here to let it be known at home and abroad that a nation conceived in liberty and dedicated to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness has in its maturity become an imperialist power dedicated to death, oppression and the pursuit of profits. We will not be deceived by so many of our fellow men, we will not be blinded by small changes in form which lack any change in the substance of the imperialist expansion. Our suffering has been too long; our sacrifices have been too great, and our human dignity is too strong for us to be prudent any longer.

Black people and oppressed people in general have lost faith in the leaders of America, in the government of America, and in the very structure of American government — that is the Constitution, its legal foundation. This loss of faith is based upon the overwhelming evidence that this government will not live according to that constitution because the constitution is not designed for its people. For this reason we assemble a constitutional convention to consider rational and positive alternatives. Alternatives which will place their emphasis on the common man. Alternatives which will bring about a new economic system in which the rewards as well as the work will be shared equally by all the people — a Socialist framework. Alternatives which will guarantee that within the Socialist framework all groups will be adequately represented in the decision-making and the administration which affects their lives. Alternatives which will guarantee that all men will attain their full manhood rights, that they will be able to live, be free, and seek out those goals which will give them respect and dignity while permitting the same privileges for every other man regardless of his condition or status.

The sacredness of man and of the human spirit requires that human dignity and integrity ought to be always respected by every other man. We will settle for nothing less, for at this point in history anything less is but a living death. WE WILL BE FREE and we are here to ordain a new constitution which will ensure our freedom by enshrining the dignity of the human spirit.

REVOLUTIONARY PEOPLE'S CONSTITUTIONAL CONVENTION

sept. 5-6-7

PLENARY SESSION

phila., pa.

The purpose of the Revolutionary People's Plenary Session is to bring all progressive forces together for the Revolutionary People's Constitutional Convention, which will convene on Nov. 4, 1970. (from "Schedule of Events")

At least 11,000 people, mostly young but some "over 30", gathered in Philadelphia, Sept. 4-7, to express their desire for unprecedented liberation for for themselves and for all the people of the world. Over half of those who attended were black, but many races and nationalities were represented. Individuals came from as far away as West Germany. The Convention was organized and advertised by the Black Panther Party and other revolutionary groups.

Philadelphia Police Chief Frank Rizzo (unaffectionately known to the residents as "Bozo") helped promote the convention by focusing national attention on his city the week before Labor Day weekend. Rizzo directed his "men" to attack three Black Panther offices and arrest 14 Panthers (see Photo) early in the morning of August 31. In a public statement, Rizzo was quoted as challenging the black revolutionaries to an old fashioned shoot-out. He said he would win with fewer cops and fewer weapons. That weekend, however, "Bozo" remained strangely silent, failing to repeat his challenge to the 11,000+ revolutionary people.

The North Philadelphia location of the convention appropriately reflected the oppression which necessitates a revolution. The buildings, owned by absentee landlords, were run down and covered with fragmented phrases scrawled in chalk or paint. Children who lacked decent recreational facilities in their community played in the cool water gushing from fire hydrants forced open. A nearby school, enclosed by a 10 foot fence, looked drab and lifeless even in the bright sunlight.

The schedule planned for the convention was upset because of the unexpectedly large turnout. The workshops planned for Saturday did not convene. Saturday night, in the packed gymnasium of Temple University, Huey P. Newton, Minister of Defense and founder of the Black Panther Party, read a draft of the preamble to the new constitution (Huey's address reprinted on page 2). Other celebrities, including Abbie Hoffman and Muhammed Ali, somewhat less politically important than Huey, made their appearance, but the really important people were the 11,000+ who made the convention.

(LNS) It was on Sunday that the convention got down to the business of working out a constitution, as people fanned out from the church center to workshops all around the Sunday-quiet city.



The workshops were unique in some ways. Unlike many previous political conventions, "caucuses" did not break down along political or organizational lines. Instead, they were set up according to "social groupings": oppressed nationalities, women, male homosexuals, students, working people, artists. Throughout the day, the groups struggled to compress all their grievances and hopes for a better society into a relatively short statement to be made to the constitutional convention's next plenary session that night.

Many social groups overlapped in the workshops themselves, which were structured to deal with problems of self-determination, women, the family and the rights of children, distribution of political power, the artist, control of police and the military, education, religion, control of the land, protection of resources, control of population, self-determination for street people, drugs, control of the legal system, rights of oppressed and political prisoners, health, and international solidarity with other revolutionary movements.

On Sunday night, everyone got together again to check out what the workshops had developed. The gym filled up again, and sisters and brothers from each workshop came up one after another to the podium to begin to fill in the picture of what postrevolutionary America may well look like.

The evening session was particularly satisfying because it put the lie once and for all to the charge that our movement is mindless, programless and unable to get together on goals. It depicted, in unpolished but well-thought-out form, an America where political power is brought down to the level of communities, autonomous local forms that would replace states and cities; an America where oppressed national minorities are guaranteed "the right to integrate, segregate, do whatever they want to do"; where women are guaranteed total equality, equal participation, full education; where sexism in all its forms is fought and eliminated. Full 24-hour day care for all children would

be universally available.

A strong delegation of about 60 male homosexuals who formed the workshop on sexual self-determination declared to the convention that "anything that prevents us from expressing our revolutionary love is sexist," and demanded that the constitution guarantee full freedom of sexual expression and an educational system in which sex is treated openly and no sexual preferences are pushed over others.

Nearly 600 women of all races, ages, and ideology were present at the Self-Determination for Women Workshop. Their purpose was to draw up a platform to be used in the drafting of the People's Constitution.

Land and natural resources will belong to all the people. The delegates did not forget that America has been raping and stealing land and wealth throughout the world for decades. A report from the "means of production" workshop, for example, pointed out that America's standard of living would have to decrease at first in order to help other peoples catch up. The right to freedom from hunger will be central; so will the right to a decent home. Agriculture will be decentralized, and thus overproduction (and subsequent destruction of excess food) will be eliminated; and the use of chemical fertilizers and insecticides minimized. "The only solution to air pollution is revolution", one workshop spokesman said, amid cheers.

The Constitution's New America will provide for a people's militia, destruction of the standing army, dismantling of genocidal weapons, no more than 10% of the national budget spent on the military, and a prohibition against American military forces fighting outside national boundaries. Half of the militia will be women.

Police will be controlled by each community, police forces being composed of people from each community who would rotate their police responsibility at set intervals. There would be no national police, no secret police, and no plainclothes police.

Education will be universal, controlled by the community; schools would stress social ideas and practice, students would have full control of school governments and newspapers, there would be no enforced state curriculums, "Liberation" pre-schools would be set up.

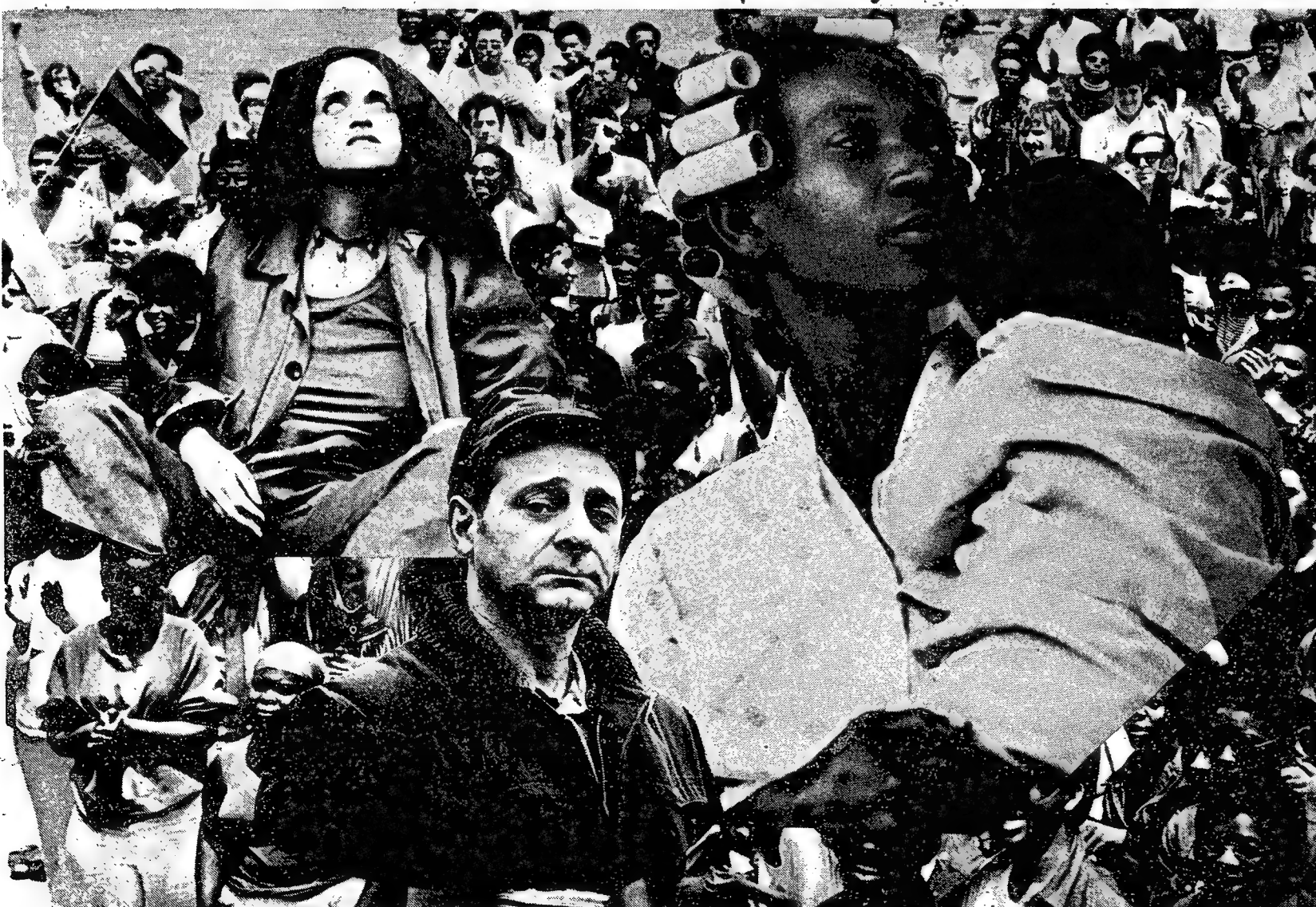
The health workshop took the position that a revolutionary attitude toward psychedelic drugs can only be developed after we see how drugs are used by people actively participating in the building of a revolutionary society. Dope under capitalism and dope under socialism are bound to be two different things! Both the drug and the health workshop roundly denounced the use of speed, heroin, and other hard drugs which are used to keep the people oppressed.

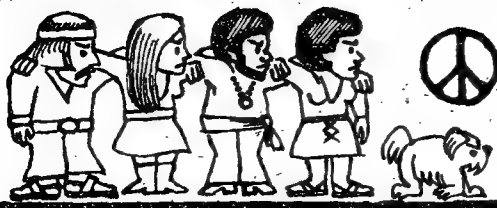
The Constitution will state that children are not to be property -- of parents, the state, or of the collective groupings in which they live. They have a right to a broad education that will expose them to all human models of behavior, that will eliminate racism, male chauvinism, and heterosexual chauvinism.

The full extent of the Constitution's program will best be demonstrated when the final document is actually put together; at present it is a collection of ideas and arguments. Many points are in debate -- should the Constitution call for the eventual abolition of the nuclear family, a structure which presently oppresses women, homosexuals, and children? What kind of national political structures are needed? How much power should they have?

But before anything else, the Revolutionary People's Constitution is aimed at building socialism. The ten thousand strong young women and men who thronged to Philadelphia, standing up and cheering the rough new constitution were declaring themselves revolutionary socialists, not by their mere agreement with some pamphlet, but by their part in developing this plan for post-capitalist America.

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YOUTH FIGHT FOR HUMAN RIGHTS

Continued Abuse and Neglect Incite Rebellion

People are becoming more uptight because of the overall class struggle which exists in the Lehigh Valley area, even though some people do not want to admit it. Police and city officials have been pushing and shoving the Blacks, other third world people, and youths toward the edge of the cliff. They have finally pushed them one step too far. Instead of continuing backwards and falling off of the cliff, the people have retaliated and have advanced toward the power structure.

In Easton, Thursday night, September 17, William (Bill) Mitchell walked into the Deluxe Restaurant. From various reports, the Deluxe has been hassling minority groups for some time. When Bill walked in, a waitress, Rita Holbrook, reportedly called him a "Black Bastard". Bill replied with an equally insulting remark. He was then asked to leave, and he did. He returned later with John Johnson and was told that "Officer" Stephen Vincent wanted to see him. Vincent took Bill to the back of the restaurant, where he was identified by the waitress. Then "Officer" Joe Peake joined forces with Vincent.

Bill was hit and jabbed with a nightstick, then grabbed by the arms and put into a paddy wagon. John was also arrested. While urging Bill not to resist, he said, "Come on, we don't have to talk to the pigs now". He was arrested for saying the word "pig". In some places, the police wear tags with P.I.G. written on them, standing for Pride, Integrity, and Guts. If they can exalt themselves with such grandeur, why can't we compliment them on the "great" job that they are doing here?

INSTANT NUISANCE?

Meanwhile, Vernon Denson was watching the action. He walked up to Bill and asked him what was going on. Vernon was then promptly arrested and charged with creating a nuisance.

Two other examples of police prejudice are the arrests of John Donches and Gordon Johnson. They were standing by the flagpole in the Center Circle and playing with the ropes. The police said that John and Gordon had untied the ropes and were attempting to take the flag down. However, according to the reports given to us, the strings were already untied.

"Peace officers" also arrested a 17 year old on Friday night.

On Saturday night, approximately 300 people were on the streets. The trouble started again at the Deluxe when a fight broke out and the totality of police cars and units responded to a call for help. Our trusty middle man, Rev. Isaac Patterson, was also called to the scene. Later on, a car owned by Police Officer William

were afraid of the young people. They decided to try more forceful tactics to keep the kids subdued. Fifteen people were arrested for alleged curfew violations, including nine people from the Open Valley Tribe.

The nine o'clock curfew, if it had been kept for several days, could have been helpful to the protesting people, but the Council realized that. Businessmen and shopowners would have had to close down early. Bars would have lost about 5½ hours of business a night. Plus the fact that in a state of emergency, the sale of alcoholic beverages is forbidden. Movie theaters would have not been able to show both features, thus cutting nightly profits in half. If this had happened, the businessmen would have directed their anger toward the city's administration to retract the curfew. Therefore, business and government would have been made to fight amongst each other and the people's cause against the power structure would have been strengthened. The city, in an attempt to end the "trouble", probably would have granted a few concessions to the disenfranchised young people.

After four days of police harassment, the "city fathers" said that they would consent to meet with the youths on Monday, September 21, 5:00 p.m. A group of about 300 young people gathered in Northampton County Court Room No. 1. There was an open mike, and many people got the opportunity to express their opinions and to relate their hassles. But what did the councilmen do? They just sat there and listened, that's all -- nothing more, nothing less. When people finally got sick of it and started to leave, the council agreed to talk. They went into negotiations behind a closed door, and then bought the people off with vague, hazy words that didn't mean a damn thing!

The people at the meeting were led to believe that all charges against the twenty-seven people arrested over the weekend would be dropped. It was understood that all bail and fine money would be refunded. It was agreed that a "Youth Council" with black representation would be instituted to begin working on a civic center which would be open twenty-four hours a day.

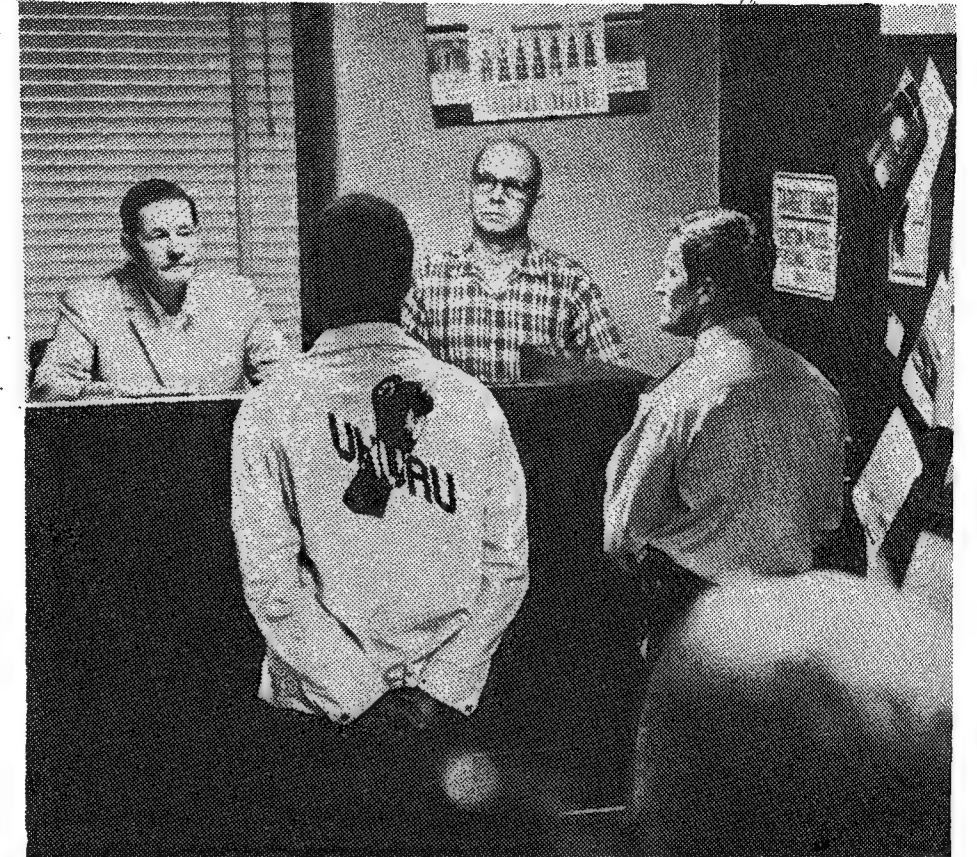
MAYOR BACKS MAZZEO 100%

Tuesday morning, Chief of Police Mazzeo, Mayor Ashton, and District Attorney Spaziani met. The end result was that the city announced full support of the police department.

We've been told all our lives to obey the police officers whether they are right or wrong. Magistrate William Ihrie advised a defendant, "I feel, to be a

right or wrong?? What happens if they are wrong?????????

The desperation and hostility inside the people were shown on Friday night, when a rock was thrown through a police station window. This was a way to "get even" with the police, some people thought. But was it really? Sure it might have been some inconvenience to clean up the mess, but it really wasn't effective. What people must do is become politically conscious and learn about their city and its leaders. Find out who really are the puppets and who are the puppeteers. Then we must act rationally -- but forcefully, with the right equipment -- not spontaneously, without a plan. Dig it?



(From left to right: Alderman William Ihrie, Bill Vincent.)

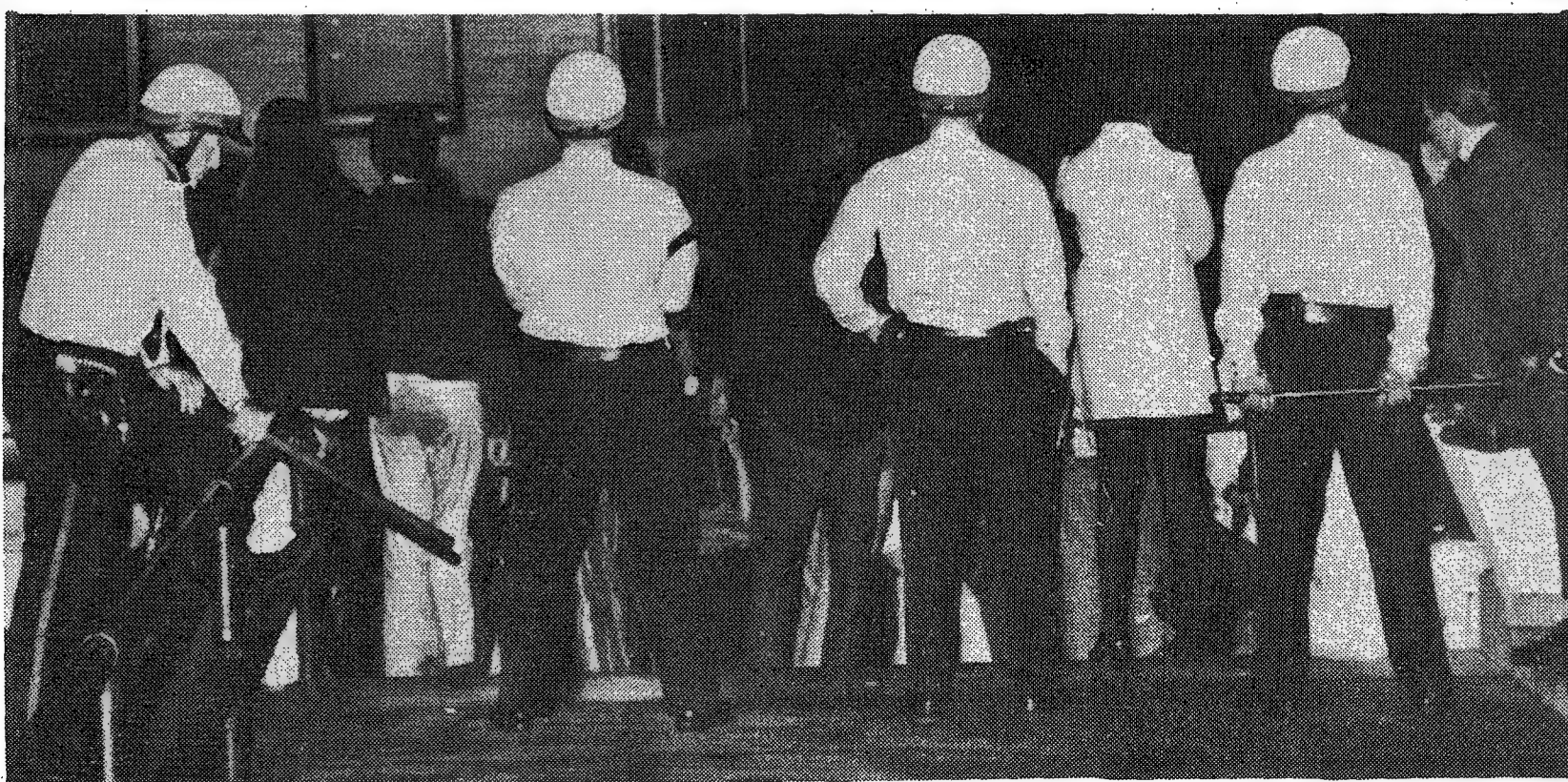
SAYS IHRIE, "I FEEL TO BE A GOOD CITIZEN, YOU MUST OBEY THEM WHETHER

open valley

On Sunday afternoon, Sept. 20, the Open Valley Tribe was luxuriating in Lehigh Parkway, Allentown, giving its full support to the Music Liberation Front meeting. It was there that we got wind of the critical weekend street situation in Easton.

We'd been hearing reports all summer long about the fabled Mazzeo and his merry band, about how they were hassling young people, black and white, who sought some place to go in a city which had never given them a thing. We heard how Easton's kids had courageously shown solidarity in confronting the cops.

Well, what was happening in Easton



Cunningham was set on fire. Several store windows were broken as a large group of people ran through the streets. Six persons were captured and charged with (and of course convicted of) disorderly conduct.

On Sunday, a curfew was slapped down, and Easton was declared in a "state of emergency" -- because the city leaders

good citizen, you have to obey the police whether they are right or wrong." (Easton-Express, Saturday, Sept. 19). It's reported that the police were practicing on Sunday afternoon with their M-16's. Sunday night they were equipped with riot guns and their usual 357 Magnum pistols. They also had billy clubs and tear gas. They were protected with riot helmets and gas masks. Obey them whether they are

Grievances from In

(Editorial note: The following article was submitted by some young Easton people who have been instrumentally involved in the Easton Movement.)

The youth of Easton have finally taken a stand against the fascist pig establishment which has been exploiting them for political purposes.

The action began Friday, Sept. 19, prior to the arrest of five young persons. These persons were arrested for exercising their constitutional rights during harassment by Deluxe Restaurant managers, personnel, and by Chief Pig Mazzeo and his boys. The five were charged with disorderly conduct and creating a nuisance. They were convicted early Sat. morning in kangaroo court, which was held behind closed doors, with witnesses kept outside. This incident only added wood to the fire which burns in the heart of today's youth.

Our unheard problems: we have no place to go, no facilities, nothing to call our own; we cannot use the circle, the parks, the streets without harassment.

RIGHTS IN EASTON

Minister and reporter lie to the people

"The latest twist in the tension there (in Easton) is the appearance of white youths from the Allentown area who apparently are trying to force a police-black confrontation." (from a page story by Glenn Kranzley in Mon., Sept. 21 Bethlehem Globe-Times)

Open Valley contacted mild-mannered reporter Glenn Kranzley and asked him what objective evidence he could show to indicate that the Open Valley 9 went to Easton (Sun. evening, Sept. 9) with the intention of provoking a "police-black confrontation." Kranzley really wasn't interested in reporting accurate facts, because he knows that his job is to slant stories in a way that supports The System and discredits those who attack the Monster. We must not forget that the owners of the Globe-Times (Morning Call, etc.) are wealthy businessmen who have a material stake in maintaining The System.

Mild-mannered Glenn told us that he had gotten his information from people "in the black community"-- specifically, the Rev. Isaac Patterson IV and a lady (one male and one female, a representative sample, no doubt) whose name he either didn't know or didn't want to reveal. Both Glenn's responsible, objective article: "Rev. Patterson said white youths were seeking some kind of confrontation," and were "trying to take charge of the young black people."

"He said, 'The thing to remember is that the black youths have demonstrated well, and have legitimate gripes. We can't let these people from outside the community cloud that issue.'"

Both Patterson IV and Kranzley are trying to emphasize the racial aspect of Easton's conflict. Actually, a class struggle which embraces a fight against racism is developing in Easton: the street people and progressive working people, black and white, are fighting against the irresponsible, selfish people in power.

Although the Easton Movement, in this early stage, is composed mainly of young people who are stressing demands for youth, many older people we talked with Sun. evening expressed sympathy with the youth. (Of course, the Globe-Times and its pals only show those people who support the police dept. and the rest of the power structure.)

By telling the lie that white people (from Open Valley) are trying to take control of Easton's black liberation movement, Patterson is attempting to divide the revolutionary blacks and whites who have begun to fight together as equals.

Patterson and Kranzley are also trying to spread the lie that Easton's foment was encouraged by "outside agitators." Actually, the Easton Movement was already well advanced, with strong leaders, before Open Valley went to Easton to check out the situation. That Sun. night we learned from Easton people-- we didn't try to incite anybody to riot.

By questioning the right



Mitchell, Sgt. Mauro,

POLICE ARE RIGHT OR WRONG.

gets busted

sounded like the best Lehigh Valley story this summer, so the tribe packed itself into its VW bus and bounced on down the thruway to get the story and rap with our Easton brothers and sisters. We had heard about the 9:00 curfew and the state of emergency, but that wasn't about to stop us from finding out the real story and reporting it truthfully.

The tribe rolled into the Circle in downtown Easton at about 7:00 PM, and we parked the bus up 3rd St., a block away. The Circle street people were beautiful-- open and together. You learn fast about the system when you're kicked daily.

side the City Walls

ment, discrimination, public embarrassment or beatings with night sticks. The pig force singles out individuals, arrests them, then gives them trial without justice.

A reporter for the political pig, paper Easton Express states that during his six months of covering arrest cases, no one has ever been acquitted in the City Hall magistrate's court. They are robbing people of their money and constitutional rights by using the alderman system. Easton youth are against these unfair court procedures. They are tired of being oppressed by the judicial system and pig action.

Freedom is the key word in the youth movement. Youth have pleaded for freedom while always remaining faithful to the American fascist government which rules our society. We feel in our hearts the time is now that the youth of Amerika should be repaid in full homage for past sufferings.

SEIZE THE TIME!



What's Happening Now!

by Curt Shell

(Editorial note: Curt Shell is a young black organizer in the Lehigh Valley. He graduated from Liberty High School, and he returned from Vietnam last winter.)

Brothers, Sisters, and revolutionary comrades,

The struggle for national liberation requires a lot of political study and sacrifice. In Easton, the people held a town meeting concerning the arrest of 27 brothers and sisters who were involved in a so-called civil disorder.

The pigs let the people think that the 27 people would be set free, their bail money returned, and fines refunded. The pigs sat in cinkless silence, allowing the people to hear those lies.

District Attorney Spaziani, Chief Fascist Pig Mafio, and Mayor Bozo Ashton, and the rest of their running dogs didn't have the guts to tell the people the truth about what they really had in mind.

The pigs didn't free those 27 people; they only let them out on bail. Their money was never refunded, and their arrest records weren't discarded. This is exactly what we mean when we call them pigs. Because that's exactly what they are-- pigs! They lied to the people in order to stall for time to railroad those sisters and brothers to jail.

Organize The People

But the times for railroading and injustices will be seized. We will organize the people to inflict a political consequence on the pigs. The revolutionary consciousness has been aroused. We must apply this consciousness in a progressive movement.

We cannot be pacified with a bottle of wine, a piece of ass, a shot of smack, and say everything is beautiful. After the town meeting, a black leader said, "OK, we have freed our boys. Let's go home and play our record players and get high, and we'll be satisfied." That's just what the pigs want to see us do. They like for us to be high and live in that world of fantasy. The fantasy and dream of Black Capitalism, black middle class, black elites. There is no such thing as a middle class nigger, because to a racist pig a nigger is still a nigger. And a poor white is still white trash.

The black people of the Lehigh Valley realize that their mere social situation should force them to become revolutionary. If we're not going to be revolutionary people, we have to accept the designation as satisfied slaves. If we aren't satisfied, then that means we have the raw material for a revolutionary consciousness. It's most important for us to be consciously revolutionary.

The pig newspapers, such as the Call-Chronicle, Beth Globe, and Easton Express, will use words against the people who are fighting for liberation-- words such as "crime in the streets," "disorders," "law and order." These words are mere smoke screens to confuse the people, so they can make their lies valid. The pig uses these terms to create conflicts among us by confusing us. It's that old technique of "divide and conquer."

What we need is to create an alliance between all exploited people. In the L.V., we have failed to move as a creative machinery against the pigs. We have not been relating to subversive action. We have to pull ourselves together in order to move in such a way.

Class struggle is a local struggle as well as a national struggle. We must be able to identify our enemies. Just because a man is the same color as you doesn't mean he's your friend. A nigger pig is the worst pig (relating to the black liberation movement). He will sell you out to the white pigs in order to pad his own social position. He will confuse you and lie to you; he tries to create chaos and frustration in your mind.

We don't need those black "leaders" who try to pacify us. Or any black minister who runs to the pigs and says, "Forgive them for they know not what they do." We need people who are strong and politically educated in a revolutionary way: people and leaders who relate to revolution as a religion, a way of life. We need a lot of education for the people of the L.V. but not the type of education that is designed to perpetuate a system of exploitation.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
DEATH TO THE FASCIST PIGS

open valley's bust (con't)

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The people started piecing the story together for us, and we took periodic glances at the several riot-helmeted cops with their loaded .357 Magnums. Around 8:00, the cops were ordered to take off their badges and nameplates "for their own protection."

We saw how the cops were posturing and arranging themselves, and we could tell that they aimed to force the people south on 3rd St. come curfew time. So two tribal members went to get the bus (on north 3rd) in order to pick up the other seven of us soon at the Circle or on south 3rd.

Well, the cops moved earlier than we thought they would. At about 8:20, they advanced on the Circle with billy clubs handy and forced everybody down 3rd. Now, automobiles were thick downtown and the police started diverting traffic, so we knew it would be mighty difficult to find the bus, especially since some Easton brethren had started cracking windows and we had to keep moving.

The tribe, unfamiliar with the city, walked around back streets, keeping an eye peeled for our blue bus. Quite a different species of blue car started to follow us, so when we sighted our own wagon around 8:50, we scrambled into it. Inside were five comrades, the two Open Valley people and three Easton folks, who had been picked up to get them out of the danger area.

We started to drive out of town but saw those familiar flashing red lights in the rear view mirror, so we pulled over. Our watch said two minutes before 9:00.

Cop Carlos Medillin, operating at medium heat, started hassling our driver for the usual credentials. Another cop asked Medillin what time it was. "9:00," he said. Our driver told Medillin that he worked for a newspaper. The Big M wanted to see a press card.

"We work for an underground paper; we don't issue press cards."

"I'll have you arrested for giving false information if you don't show me press credentials."

What could we do?

Meanwhile, Joe Peake, Medillin's partner, was banging the butt of his shotgun against our rear window. "Open this door up!" That rear door can only be opened from the outside, with a key, so our backseat tribal members swallowed hard, as Peake, looking like a mad bison, loaded his shotgun, cocked it, and pointed it at the rear window. "Open this door up!" The tribe set a revolutionary speed record getting out of that bus.

We all stood there in the weeds along this back road in Easton, scared out of our pants, listening to the crotchets, and watching Joe Peake wave his shotgun fiercely, making threats about shooting us. One of our Easton comrades, "Rocky" Williams, puffed out his chest and said, "Go ahead and shoot." Joe didn't seem to need much encouragement.

Peake, fully loading his gun, pointed it at our driver. "Turn that bus around, now!" We followed instructions carefully.

With full police escort, we rolled down to the station and into their garage. The door slammed behind us, and we met some more cops with pistols drawn. If ever in our lives we expected to be beaten, it was then.

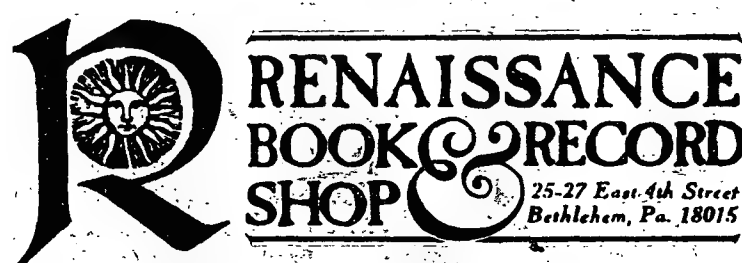
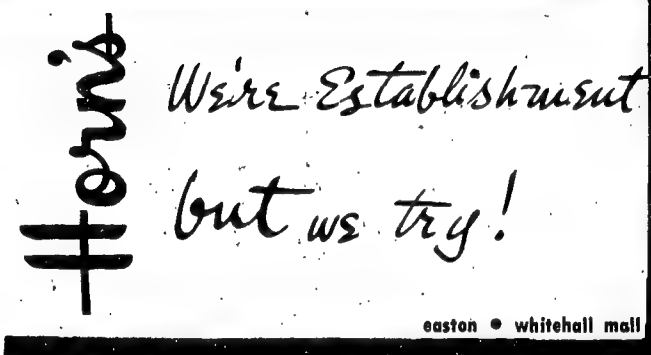
"Get over against the wall!"

Peake began to frisk us. Now, Joe Peake could be a professional masseuse with his acrobatic hands. After manhandling one of our female comrades, he was told (by another cop) not to frisk the women. As for the men, he let our genitals know very well that he'd been in our crotches.

We were marched in front of the police desk. The clock said 9:13. "Stand straight." It was natural for us to put our hands on the brass handrail in front of us. "Keep your hands at your sides."

Two sergeants behind the desk sat in godly loftiness dictating to the wretched devils in front of them. We were not informed of our rights, then or at any other time. When one of the tribe said, "You don't have to answer any questions," the desk sergeant parroted the comment.

The next four hours consisted of endless waiting, questioning, redundant forms, mugshots, fingerprints, and sweaty cops walking around with crazed eyes, short tempers, and pump shotguns. One of



us was thrown in a cell for asking politely, "Is it true that I don't have to give any information besides my name and address?" None of the Open Valley people besides the juveniles were allowed to make a phone call before our release.

We got out of there that night only because our lawyer showed up and promised we'd appear in court the next day. Our lawyer got there only because two of the tribe were juveniles and were released early; one called the lawyer. Rocky wasn't so lucky. He spent the night in jail with the constant fear of a beating. The cops acted like kids at Christmas when they saw Rocky. "We got the cop-killer!"

Next morning we showed up in magistrate's court, aptly labelled "kangaroo court." Now, an alderman or magistrate knows very little about the law, and this alderman, Bill Ihrie, knew less than nothing. Four people were "processed" before us. Ihrie listened to the cop, listened to the defendant, and always agreed with the cop. No one was provided with a public defender or advised of his or her legal rights.

Rocky, who had been in our bus since 8:30, was convicted of curfew violation. He had had his head shaved, and he was not allowed to be tried with the rest of us. For thousands of people every day, this is American justice. We were lucky enough to have a lawyer.

When our turn came, Medillin, with his riot helmet squeezed tightly over his head, stood there and lied like a pig. He said we had all been on the street at 9:13! Man, we got to the police station around 9:10!

Our lawyer asked Medillin if he had looked at his watch at the time of arrest. "It was 9:15." "Did you look at your watch?" "It was 9:15." After about a minute of this, Medillin muttered that he had looked at his watch and it was 9:15. A mother of one of the tribe was in court at the time. Now she refers to Medillin as a "pig."

According to Medillin, we all got in to the bus at 9:13. Actually, five people had been in the bus since before 8:40, and the other seven had gotten in at about 8:50.

Naturally, we were found guilty and fined \$111 each. Ihrie tried to deny property bail for us. Our lawyer informed Ihrie that such action was illegal. It took Bill a half hour to find out that it was, in fact, illegal.

Well, Open Valley is out on bail. Our case is being appealed. We were lucky. We were fortunate enough to have some money, a father generous enough to put up his property as bail, and a lawyer. Most young and minority group people don't have any of these, and the power structure and their police lackeys take advantage of that situation to the hilt.

Curfew today. Police state tomorrow.

Le-Hi-Ho

If I am not free are you, my brothers and sisters, free?

Le Hi Ho, an organization dedicated to the acceptance and freedom of homosexuals, is located in Bethlehem.

The Ho stands for homophile, brotherly love.

The organization holds its meetings on the fourth Sunday of every month, usually at the Unitarian Church, 701 Lechaweki Avenue, Fountain Hill in Bethlehem. Attendance is not limited to homosexuals but to any humanist interested in my freedom, as well as your own.

For information and help concerning Le Hi Ho and any homosexual problem, call 691 - 6121

CONVENTION (con't)

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The final session of the Convention is set for November 4 (tentatively in Washington, D.C.) which will produce a written constitution. Many of the hassles that are besetting our movement will still be unsolved -- the sexism and racism will not disappear overnight. Workers running their own factories, children growing up as independent people, proud black and brown men and women, homosexuals no longer greeted with snickering (as they often were at the gathering), clean air and plenty of food -- all this will still only be a dream, only a Constitution on paper. But this weekend in Philadelphia, for the first time, a broad spectrum of oppressed people came together, and there was a movement, a feeling of power.

"This great humanity has said 'Basta!' 'enough' and has begun to move".
- Che

WORKSHOPS AT THE CONVENTION

Self-determination for Women

Nearly 600 women of all races, ages, and ideologies were present at the Self-Determination for Women Workshop of the Revolutionary People's Constitutional Convention. Their purpose was to draw up a platform to be used in the drafting of the People's Convention.



LESBIANS ... A VERY OPPRESSED GROUP OF WORLD WOMEN

At first, the meeting did not progress smoothly. Heated arguments took place over procedure, statements from various groups, and controversy over the lesbian speakers.

A small minority of the group was in strong opposition to the lesbian speakers. It was apparently felt that the women's workshop was being "used" for gay liberation ends. The tension was finally broken by a young woman who said: "I am not gay. But I believe we should support our lesbian sisters to the fullest. After all, they are women -- a very oppressed group of women".

After three hours of general discussion and proposals, smaller sub-workshops were formed. Each dealt with specific points of interest to the women within them and made the final decisions on their particular issues. The decisions were then submitted to the entire workshop, and the final statement was drawn up.

WE WILL NOT BE FREE UNTIL
ALL OPPRESSED PEOPLE
ARE FREE.

WORKSHOP ON SELF - DETERMINATION FOR WOMEN

We recognize the right of all women to be free.

As women, we recognize that our struggle is against a racist, capitalist, sexist system that oppresses all minority peoples.

This capitalistic country is run by a small ruling class who use the ideas and practices of chauvinism and racism to divide, control, and oppress the masses of people for their own greedy gains and profit.

We want equal status in a society that does not exploit or murder other people. We will fight for a socialist system that guarantees full, creative, non-exploitative life for all human beings. We will not be free until all oppressed people are free.

FAMILY:

Whereas in a capitalist culture the institution of the family has been used as an economic tool or instrument, not serving the needs of the people, we declare that we will not relate to the private ownership of people. We encourage and support the continued growth of communal households and communal relationships and other alternative forms of the patriarchal family.

We call for socialization of housework and child care, with the sharing of all work by men and women.

THERE'S NO SUCH THING AS AN ILLEGITIMATE CHILD



Women must have the right to decide if and when they want to have children. There is no such thing as an illegitimate child. There should be free and safe birth control, including abortion, available on demand. There should be no forced sterilization or mandatory birth control programs which are now used as genocide against third world sisters and against poor people.

Every woman has the right to decide whether she will be homosexual, heterosexual, or bisexual.

EMPLOYMENT:

Whereas women in a class society have been continuously exploited through their work, both in their home and outside their home, we call for:

1. Guaranteed full, equal, and non-exploitative employment controlled collectively by the working people.

2. Guaranteed adequate income for all. This would entail the sharing of necessary non-creative tasks and the maximum utilization of revolutionary technology to eliminate these tasks.

3. An end to the sexism which forces women into the lowest paying service jobs and the racism which insures that third world women will be the lowest paid of all.

4. Guaranteed paid maternity leave.

EDUCATION:

Whereas women historically have been deprived of education, or only partially educated and miseducated in those areas deemed appropriate for us, by those ruling powers who would benefit by our ignorance, we call for:

1. The right to determine our own goals.

2. The end of the sex roles regarding training and skills.

3. Self-knowledge: the history of women, our relation to society, and the knowledge of our bodies.

4. Guaranteed technological and professional training and in the interim, special programs should be set up in every field in which they have been denied equality, such as childcare.

5. Men to be trained in those areas in which they have been denied equality, such as childcare.

6. Control of non-authoritarian education by the people it serves in the language and cultural style of the people.

SERVICES:

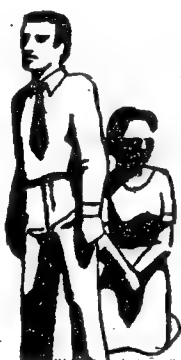
Whereas the services provided for the people have been inadequate, unavailable, or too expensive, administered in a racist and sexist manner, we declare that:

1. All services - health care, housing, food, clothing, transportation, and education - should be free and controlled by the people.

2. Services for women should be controlled by the women of the community which they service.

MEDIA:

The mass media is not permitted to exploit women's bodies in order to sell or promote products. Women must be treated with respect and dignity at all times by the people's media. The people's media will work to eliminate sexist terminology: he, man, mankind; when we mean person, people, humanity.



WE DON'T BELIEVE THAT
ANY PERSON IS
THE PROPERTY OF
ANY OTHER.

SELF-DEFENSE:

Whereas the struggle of people must be borne equally by all the people fighting for their liberation, we declare that women have the right to bear arms. Women should be fully trained and educated in the art of self-defense and the defense of the people's nation. We recognize that it is our duty to defend all oppressed peoples.

WOMEN IN OUR OWN RIGHT:

Whereas we do not believe that any person is the property of any other, we declare that women have the right to their own surnames, not names determined by their husbands or fathers. We demand that all organizations ranging from health insurance to social security to banks, deal with women in our own right as people, rather than as property of men.

EQUAL PARTICIPATION IN GOVERNMENT:

Whereas all revolutionary people must share equally in the decisions which affect them, we are dedicated to the national salvation of all humanity.

All Power to the People!

The sisters are to be commended for this enlightening, comprehensive statement. We know what we want, and what we will fight for. We realize that we are oppressed, and our brothers are oppressed. We are true women. All Power to the Sisters!



The Plenary Session of the Revolutionary People's Convention was an educational and emotional awakening for me. I saw people with strong differences argue and agree or disagree like human beings. I spent four days looking into the faces of my brothers and sisters.

Before we left for Phila., I had not heard about Huey Newton's statement concerning gay lib and women's oppression. I was surprised and delighted to see a table at the church headquarters for the Gay Liberation Front (GLF). I spent some time renewing old acquaintances with GLF'ers.

In the past, the Panther Party has displayed a negative attitude toward homosexuality. One of the Party's rules is the barring of homosexuals from Panther ranks. We all felt that Huey's statement in support of gay liberation and women's liberation and the delegations of male homosexual and lesbian people at the convention were positive steps.

A Third World gay woman was scheduled to speak about women's oppression on the same platform as Huey Sat. night but for unknown reasons was not allowed to appear.

The more radical lesbians were very upset about this, along with the fact that their other proposed statements for the convention were not accepted, while the male homosexuals were allowed to speak freely Sun. night.

The female GLF'ers attended the women's lib workshop on Sun., where the lesbians and the other women had a heated confrontation. The lib women told the GLF women to go over to the male homosexual workshop.

Joan Commoner, a lesbian leader, made the following statement: "Lesbians, black or white, are alienated, are spat upon. We cannot be ourselves in this society. We will remain lesbians. We will not be pacified by liberals who pay lip service to homosexuals but do not know their own sexual enslavement. A lesbian is a legitimate woman."

After much shouting and some tears, the radical lesbian group walked out of the convention.

Monday afternoon, we all gathered at the church at 18th and Diamond St. for a self and mutual criticism session. I was contacted by GLF people who were mainly males, to find any remaining lesbians for a protest over the treatment the lesbians had received.

There were about 10% of us left. Some women's lib people joined us as well as the male homosexuals who lodged a protest in support of their gay sisters.

It is a discredit to all revolutionary people that true sisters in the struggle were forced to leave the convention in anger. If gay women are not adequately represented at the final convention in November and once again receive secondary treatment, all progressive people must voluntarily withdraw from the conference and deny its product. Our strength depends upon our unity.

In the meantime, we lesbians must stand together so that our voices will be heard.

OUT OF THE CLOSETS--
INTO THE STREETS.

GAY POWER TO THE GAY PEOPLE

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WE NEED A NEW CONSTITUTION!

people's constitutional convention

ON TO WASHINGTON

The Constitution is the law of the land. From it the form of government, the economic system, and all other laws are derived. If the Constitution is faulty then there will be inherent weaknesses in the entire society. In the twentieth century we still find poor, starving people in the United States while others roll in suburban splendor, and the difference between rich and poor isn't getting any smaller.

The people of America need a Constitution that meets the human requirements of all the people. For a constitution to meet the people's needs it must be written by the people and executed by them thereby taking it out of the hands of a ruling elite.

For this reason, a People's Constitutional Convention is being co-ordinated by the Black Panther Party and other revolutionary groups for the weekend after Thanksgiving, November 27, 28, 29. Workshops for all oppressed people - including Blacks, Chicanos, Puerto Ricans, street people, gays, working people, and women - will be set up. The platform will be drawn up from the reports of these committees. The final product will be a constitution based on self-determination and equality of rights.

HOPE FOR A NEW CONSTITUTION

(Note: All quotes in this article are drawn from Huey P. Newton's statement, "Towards a New Constitution.")

"...we've been forced out of the society, we've been forced out of equal protection of the law, and human respect. And it leaves us with nothing to lose, really, and everything to gain, because we've lost everything."

This fall the poor and oppressed people of the United States have called for a Constitutional Convention to justify their struggle for freedom and to draw up plans for a new humanistic society.

In 1776 the American white people gained considerable human rights while holding onto the chains of their Black slaves. Two centuries later the Civil Rights Movement was born in order that that Black people could achieve the same basic freedoms. But there are some very real reasons why the Civil Rights Movement, working within the framework of the old Constitution, could not achieve these freedoms.



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The 1776 constitution established a system of democratic capitalism. That is, farmers and owners of the small industrial enterprises competed quite freely and enjoyed the profits of their labors. There was infinite land available for cultivation and expansion. Of course, Black and Red people were never invited to the dinner table.

So, the constitution was pretty fair, for white people at least, but it failed to anticipate the growth of the economic system. The days of democratic capitalism passed away as the agricultural lands and industrial machinery became centralized and placed in the hands of a few, the ruling capitalist families such as the Rockefellers. The economy became overdeveloped and all of the American land was swallowed up by these profiteers, but that wasn't enough. The big corporate monopolies began to



cross the seas to Asia and Africa and swooped down on South America to gain more wealth by hiring people for pitiful wages while stealing their raw materials and the profits of their hard work.

In the context of this overdeveloped economy Black people couldn't gain independence if they wanted to. As Huey says, "We cannot gain our political liberties without the economic freedom," in other words, people need control of the land and the businesses in their communities before they can claim political independence. But in this over-expanded economy with a few people holding the financial puppet strings, Black and other oppressed people couldn't invest and gain economic freedom even if they had the capital to do it. You see, the ruling class has developed all sorts of mechanisms to safeguard their sole domination of the world.



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There can never be any autonomy or self-determination of Black communities when 76 companies govern this nation and the world. It was the forerunners of these profit-seeking companies that brought Black people into slavery and it is these present-day companies which keep Black people colonized and enslaved in the twentieth century. "The only way that we can now get freedom is to change that system that led us into slavery."

"We demand a constitution that serves the people instead of a constitution that serves the ruling class." Our present government has set up all sorts of public institutions such as Social Security, Welfare, and Employment Insurance which buy off the people by showing them small examples of what socialism could be. But these programs merely use public funds to throw the people crumbs and scraps while the capitalist stockholders and profiteers keep their own \$50,000 salaries and make their own positions more secure.

Big railway barons and monopoly farmers like Senator Eastland receive government subsidies for their enterprises and the government doesn't beat an eyelash. Meanwhile welfare recipi-



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ents are harassed and hounded even to the point that they must divulge who they are sleeping with. And we call this democracy. It's really dictatorship by the rich. The people's needs must be considered first.



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"We feel that the only way that we can get freedom at this time, ..., is to have a Proportional Representation in a socialist framework." This means that all industry must be nationalized and the profits democratically controlled by the people to serve their human needs. Ethnic groups must have complete control of their own communities to run them in a cooperative fashion. Racism will be dead, so that an individual of another color living in a black, brown, or white neighborhood will be afforded full democratic participation. Each minority group will be represented on the various regulatory boards of the new government.



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"Any compromise would be suicidal." You can't compromise the needs of the people. Either you establish total democracy and equality of rights or you don't. "If we stand and do nothing it would be self-murder." It would mean accepting oneself as less than a man, less than a human being. Death would be more glorious than to accept a compromise of our human rights.

If the American people refuse to form a Pluralistic Society, then Black people are fully justified in forming a separate Republic and defending it to the death. Oppressed people can no longer accept spiritual and physical death at the hands of a system run for profit and ruled by material value.

"...because we've been dehumanized, we've become very dangerous people, dangerous to those who won't let us be human."

"ANY COMPROMISE
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- Huey

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"TABLETOP INSPIRATION"

City Grabs Control of Firehouse

Bethlehem Mayor Gordon Payrow closed down the 4th St. Protection Firehouse Youth Center on Oct. 6. His edict proclaimed: "This action is necessary to preserve the future of Protection. By securing adequate staff and programming building improvements, with your help, we envision a better facility."

After the fatal shooting of Rose Marie Parham on Aug. 6, Payrow said that a temporary closing was the only alternative to a permanent shutdown. Now Payrow is fulfilling his promise to close down the Firehouse "temporarily," apparently to gain favor with his councilmen and some members of the Bethlehem community.

The stated reason for closing the Firehouse was to facilitate building improvements, chiefly the installation of new electrical lines. However, the actual reason for the closing is to allow the City government to take control of the recreation center. The mayor will not estimate when the Firehouse will be reopened: "We're trying to work out an over-all program with a paid advisor for the Firehouse and Illicks Mill... this type of person is hard to find..."

"Right" type of supervisor...

Don and Christina MacRae and other adult volunteers who had been at the Firehouse could not be controlled by sanctions from City Hall. The Firehouse will not be reopened until the "right" type of supervisor is found, and until funds are found with which to pay the new supervisor. Payrow told us on Oct. 19, "I don't know yet where the funds will be coming from."

The people who regularly use the Firehouse will have no part in choosing the advisor for the "new, improved" program, if and when the building is reopened. Mayor Payrow commented, "The purpose is to not only have a place to gather but they need help." What kind of help? Help in getting themselves together and in finding out what's really going on in the world? Help in gaining pride in their culture and in the revolutionary struggle of Puerto Ricans

on the island and in the states? Or help is seeing how "great" America and the American way are? How will Young Lords be received by the new paid supervisor? How much control will the Firehouse kids have over their own programs? Kids aren't going to hang around a paid missionary of the middle class for very long.

In addition to taking control of the youth center, the mayor is apparently trying to gain support from some members of the Bethlehem community. Some of the adults who live in the area of the Firehouse fear the militancy of their own children. These adults seem to see the Firehouse as a trouble spot rather than as a place where people can come and grow together.

Perhaps some of the people the mayor is trying to please believe that closing the Firehouse will reduce the frequency of alleged attacks against Lehigh University (coowner of Bethlehem, with Beth. Steel and Rep. Fred Rooney, who happens to own real estate in the area of the Firehouse). Some Bethlehem police have mistakenly claimed that



Puerto Ricans youths used the Firehouse as an organizing place for creating "trouble." The mayor has stated that he himself does not believe that the use of the Firehouse as a recreational center had anything to do with alleged attacks on Lehigh.

At any rate, the closing of the Firehouse hasn't given Lehigh (either the University or the students) any immunity from suffering the consequences of its own racism. Lehigh experienced a moderate case of community involvement; Sat. night, Oct. 10, when drunken inhabitants of Drinker House harassed a group of Black and Puerto Rican youths who were walking through the freshman quad. The Bethlehem youths were on their way to a party in Richards House to which they had been invited. The students' racist remarks, such as "pork chops" and "blackies," found their mark on some proud people, as the repairs necessary in Drinker demonstrate.

City fathers dig smack?

The Firehouse was a place where Spanish speaking kids could be helped by their peers rather than exploited by the pushers. When kids have no place to go to form a real community, they often turn to drugs in an attempt to escape from an empty or miserable life. Do the "city fathers" dig the way that smack keeps people from fighting against power politics and dollar worship? Or perhaps, the rulers of Bethlehem would like to get kids off the streets by busting them for drug use, while (as usual) letting the big heroin pushers go.

THE FIREHOUSE MUST BE OPENED IMMEDIATELY. WHETHER OR NOT THE ADVISORS ARE PAID, THEY MUST BE CHOSEN BY AND ACCEPTED BY THE PEOPLE WHO USE THE FIREHOUSE. THESE DEMANDS WILL BE PRESSED BY BETHLEHEM YOUTH UNTIL FULFILLED.

South Side People Organize Aid For Flood Victims

Recent rains caused serious flooding on the southern coast of Puerto Rico. Louie Luciano, Cecilio Gonzales, Charlie Garcia, and Andy Garcia have organized a clothing drive to aid Puerto Ricans displaced by the flood.

The South Side Bethlehem youths distributed about 500 copies of a leaflet explaining their mission and drove around in a truck collecting clothing donations on Sun., Oct. 18. Later that day, a small truck bearing Young Lords posters on its side carried the donations to a Phila. office of the Young Lords Party, from which the supplies were shipped to the island.

Phila. police, who don't dig the revolutionary program of the YLP, stopped the truck, asked a few questions, and took the people to the police station. Lou Luciano, Charlie Fontanez, Cecilio Gonzales, Tony Fontanez, Charlie Garcia, Leo Fontanez, and Johnny Santiago were locked up for three hours and then released. Police stole two berets from the group. An MP came for Lou, who is in the Marines and will probably have to appear in a military kangaroo court.

IF YOU CAN DONATE CANNED FOODS OR CLOTHING, CALL CHARLIE GARCIA, 868-3598, AND ARRANGE TO HAVE THE SUPPLIES PICKED UP ON A SAT. OR SUN. The drive will continue until the emergency condition is alleviated.

Bethlehem Youth Coalition Begins Difficult Struggle

Trucks filled with long-haired kids, chants of "power to the people" and "the streets belong to the people," dark berets and jackets behind the flag of Puerto Rico held boldly aloft, an NLF flag scorning the hundreds of surrounding American flags-- not the usual Halloween parade!

The Bethlehem City Council failed to avoid meeting the Bethlehem Youth Coalition (BYC) Tuesday evening, Oct. 20. The new group had intended to appear and present its demands at a Council meeting scheduled for that night. However, the Council calculated, "better later than now-- maybe the kids will forget about it in a week," cancelled the meeting, and reviewed the Halloween parade instead.

But the Coalition organized over a hundred kids to march and ride in the parade and to distribute hundreds of leaflets along the parade route, informing people about the purpose of BYC.

The Firehouse gang was well organized, with members dressed uniformly, wearing the Latin American revolutionary symbol, the beret. Proudly displaying the flag of their colonized homeland, they paused before the reviewing stand, raised clenched fists, and shouted "ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE!" The rest of the young people in the parade answered with "Right On!"

A large poster and chants demanding "Open the Firehouse" must have caused some embarrassment to the mayor and his council.

The leaflet passed out at the parade is reprinted (with corrections) here:

THE BETHLEHEM YOUTH COALITION

Our revolution is people.
Concerned youth of Bethlehem have formed the Bethlehem Youth Coalition, attempting to unite the efforts of the city's youth centers. Among those

youth centers represented are Protection Firehouse, Hang-Up House, Illicks Mill, Open Valley, Marvine, South Terrace, and The Place.

The BYC's aim is to create, through this union, a voice strong enough to be heard above all the chatter in City Hall-- a voice that will draw the people in our community behind us in a common effort to solve the problems of the future, for Bethlehem's youth is its future.

We are a united front with a united goal, a group represented by all concerned youth groups capable of mobilizing a common effort and capable of voicing the needs and goals of all youth groups in Bethlehem.

Our immediate aims are:

- 1) Paid youth workers throughout the city, chosen by members of the youth center, specifically at Illicks Mill, Protection Firehouse, and Hang-Up House.
- 2) Reopening of the Firehouse.
- 3) A shelter for youth needing housing, counseling, and free medical aid.
- 4) Funding for the various youth organizations.
- 5) An ombudsman for youth at City Hall.
- 6) A redress of grievances concerning police actions against youth.

To implement these demands, we will present a formal declaration of our aims to the mayor and City Council at the next Council meeting, Tues. evening, Oct. 27. We need the support of a responsive community. Help us show our determination.

For more information, call Hang-Up House, 691-6511.

please read this

The Open Valley has a circulation of about 2900. We need more people to sell the paper.

Our phone no. is 691-8353, and our new address is 419 Vine St., Bethlehem, 18015. OUR SUBSCRIPTION RATE IS \$1.50 FOR EIGHT ISSUES.

The Open Valley can be purchased for 15¢ at any of the following places: in Bethlehem-- Renaissance Book Store, Silver Nut, Julian Kalendar, Nuance Art Gallery, Handwrought Sterling, Lehigh Book Store, Moravian Book Store; in Allentown-- Paperback Den (Whitemall Mall) Music Scene (W.M.), Pegasus, George's Hoagie Shop at Muhlenberg, Top of the Factory; Yeager's Pharmacy in Hellertown; Northampton News Agency.

ATTENTION SUBSCRIBERS: THE POST OFFICE THREW AWAY SOME COPIES OF THE 4th ISSUE. THEREFORE, WE ARE EXTENDING EVERYONE'S SUBSCRIPTION BY ONE EXTRA ISSUE. We apologize for the terrible lateness of our 5th issue mailing.

People Crash; Santana Burns

Music Liberation Front staged a successful boycott of high priced seats at the Santana concert, October 8. Four thousand leaflets calling for people to refuse to pay for tickets were distributed by a large number of MLF members. Hundreds of youths massed at the gates to liberate the concert. For several hours there were repeated incidences of mass and individual gate crashing and fence climbing, as over 600 youths managed to avert the \$4.75 and \$6.00 tickets.

A hired maniac, who obviously felt that private property was more important than human life, nearly succeeded in running over some members of the first group of fence climbers. As he chased them in a car out of control on the race

car.

Other high lights included the burning of a concession stand which was charging high prices for food. Electrical power ceased while firemen quelled the angry blaze, and the darkness was filled with the beating of drums, chanting of the crowd, and a large mushrooming cloud of smoke.

Tom and Jerry Productions, promoting the concert, lost a considerable fortune, and the newspapers labeled it "a financial fiasco." The Santana concert may have marked the grave of all future concerts promoted by the known exploiters, Tom and Jerry. MLF promises that future concerts in the area will be

"It looks like every one in this whole wide world is down on me."

Amerika has repayed Janis Joplin in the only coin it understands, and she is dead. Mourn people, for we have lost a dear and beautiful sister.

Janis was honest in an age of pre-packaged deceit; she was sensuous in a nation afraid or unable to express its sexuality, and she was alive in a world of the dead - and now she is dead, too.

What killed this woman? A coroner will say, "Death was caused by an overdose of heroin..." But what of the years of lies and raw deals, the years of rejection? What of her sudden superstardom that no one really understood?

All of these and more killed Janis, just as surely as they threaten to kill us all. Chalk up as one more casualty of a steam-rolling society that pressed her hurt and suffering onto salable discs of plastic, and counted her value in terms of dollars.

Janis communicated all that she was whenever she performed, in the only way she could. "I got into this because of something inside of me. I'm not one of those people with a learned skill. I've got to let loose what's inside." And what was inside was her failures, her loneliness, and very often, her booze or her smack.

"When I get scared and worried I tell myself, Janis, just have a good time. So I juice up real good and that's just what I have."

"People like to say I'm ruining my voice, but I can still reach all the notes I ever could. I don't know how long it will last. As long as I do, probably. Maybe people enjoy my music more if they think I'm destroying myself."

"Maybe I won't last as long as other singers, but I think you can destroy your now by worrying about tomorrow. And when I can't sing, I'll worry about it then. Maybe I'll have babies..."

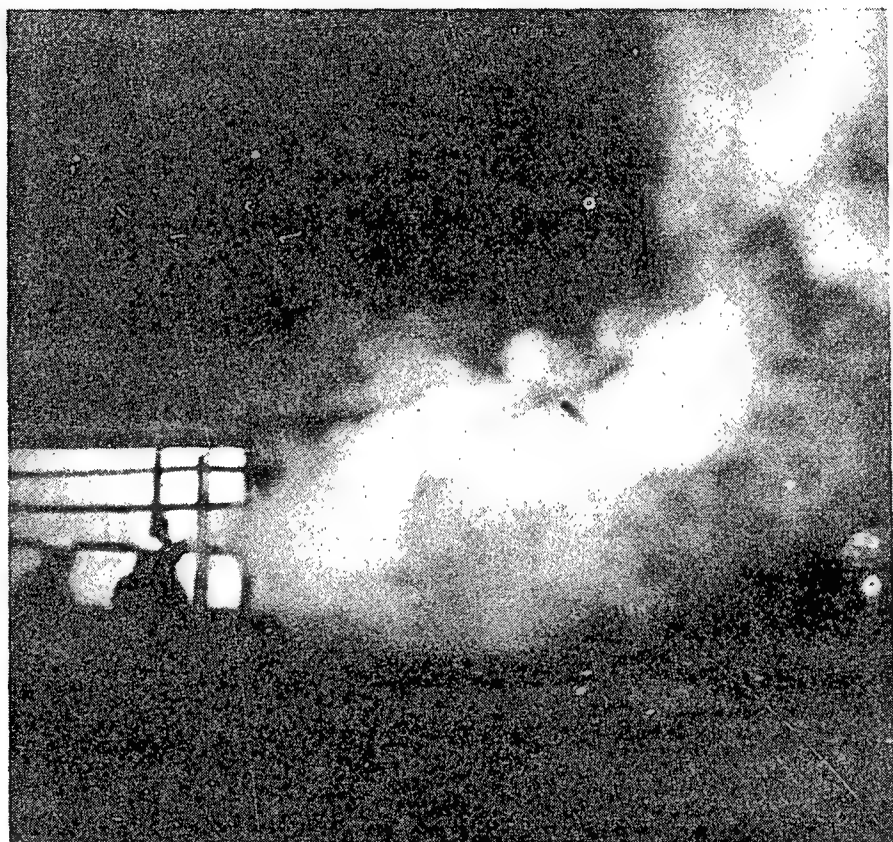
So Janis is gone, a victim of all that she was and all that we demanded that she be. A world where it becomes necessary for a woman such as Janis to stay drunk or to shoot smack, can become a world where the emotion of pain is a constant, and the emotion of happiness becomes an infrequent luxury.

GUERRILLAS NEEDED

The Reading Coalition to End the War is sponsoring a week of activities in Reading that will culminate on Solidarity Day, Oct. 31, a full day of rallies and guerilla theater-- VOLUNTEERS WANTED; contact O.V.

The Coalition states that "Solidarity Day has gained strong support and is the first step in building a powerful United Front Against Imperialism in Reading and Berks County."

The pre-Solidarity Day activities will include a series of films and forums, details of which can be obtained by calling Open Valley, 691-8353. Solidarity Day itself will begin with a mid-morning rally at City Park, followed by a march through the center of town into the Black community, for a demonstration in support of the Reading Blacks' liberation struggle.



EXPLOITIVE CONCESSION STAND BLAZES AWAY



track, he came within inches of hitting some of the kids, who were fortunate enough not to slip and fall as they scrambled to escape from the path of the

liberated, when it appears that any of the promoters or groups are trying to exploit, and thereby destroy, the new culture.

male homosexual relates

♦ I guess it's about time I stop the hard rap and put my shit on paper.

I'm a person, a human being with feelings. Big deal, right? Well, dig it! I prefer men sexually. If you haven't dug what I'm trying to say, then dig it. I'm a male with homosexual desires. Not until recently have I felt the need to express myself as a homosexual. Maybe my up-bringing had a helluva lot to do with it, but now I know what I want to express.

I opened my closet door fairly easily at the age of sixteen, but still society scared me with their "he's one of those" attitudes. I'm nineteen now and no longer afraid. I can finally see where society is wrong in their judgement of people. To be the "all American family next door", one must have completely straight and healthy relationships with the opposite sex.

It's really hard to face yourself as a person, when you know you're not one of those families. I've always been a person with a very sensitive emotional thing. By the way, this doesn't help a damn, but if you're fighting yourself and society, then you ask yourself why one male couldn't love another male. Especially, when it seems so easy. Having a sexual desire for men caused me a great deal of hassling in my first year and a half of gay life. It also caused me a great deal of unhappiness. Regarding myself a freak, I was living in a world of desire and disappointment.

Not knowing many well-informed people who could talk of homosexuality openly, I found my first questions answered by the roving bus station, "make a boy today" type. I felt lost because I

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The MUSIC LIBERATION FRONT favors the Lehigh Parkway as the site for free rock concerts. At a meeting with Mr. Richard Hoffman, of the Allentown Bureau of Recreation, MLF sought permission to use the park.

Mr. Hoffman said he fully backs the MLF movement and made reference to a similar concert held early in the summer.

He also stated that there was no reason to reject MLF plans, since similar plans had previously been approved. For a period of succeeding weeks, City Hall promised repeatedly to review MLF plans, as each call ended in "call back next week." This policy of delaying a decision is a method used to create discouragement and ensuing disinterest in any movement.

The mass crashing of gates by MLF members at the Santana concert encouraged the Allentown city gov. to show a little more interest in the cultural revolution. The morning after that memorable concert, Mr. Scharf, Allentown Director of Recreation, called MLF for an appointment.

Mr. Scharf, who is directly responsible to the mayor, states that the mayor fears the actions of MLF leader David Heckman and will not back MLF plans for free concerts. Instead, he proposes City control of concert rules and organizers, which would include a few City officials.

MLF opposes such restrictions and demands that concerts for the youth be run by the youth.

The major concern of the city gov. was who should bear any costs. The provincial Allentown gov. refuses to support a concert which young people from surrounding communities would be attending. This decision demonstrates that the City is interested in purely financial affairs instead of being responsive to the needs of the people. This attitude represents neglect on the part of City officials to fulfill their duties of providing adequate recreational facilities.

Mr. Scharf stated that "in about three weeks" he and the mayor would go down to the park to decide whether it is suitable for a concert. MLF feels that nothing constructive was put forth by the City gov., which shows an unwillingness to aid youth culture in Allentown (perhaps because youth culture is subversive?).

Although MLF will continue to meet with City officials, plans will be made to have concerts in the Parkway this coming spring, with or without a permit. The gov. will realize that only by allowing youth control of these events can a progressive community be created. Or doesn't it want a progressive community?

If you have any suggestions, questions, or information, write to Music Liberation Front, P.O. Box 847, Allentown, Pa. 18105

¡VIVA PUERTO RICO LIBRE!

Revolutionaries Talk To South Side Kids

Two Young Lords from Philadelphia, who call themselves Casper and Kunkle, came to the Allentown-Bethlehem area on Wednesday evening, October 7, to pass on information concerning the liberation march to the UN on October 30. (see LNS article)

They started rapping with some brothers across the street from the closed-down Protection Firehouse. A large group with many attentive ears gathered. There was no trouble or noise; but police stopped and told everyone to move on. The group then moved down to Hang-Up House, another place for youth to gather.

Casper and Kunkle continued to give a heavy political rap in which they tried to raise the political awareness of the individuals present. The rap was apparently successful as a group of about 20 young people went to Philadelphia to visit the Y.L.P. office the following Saturday morning. After an introduction, the officer of the day rapped for awhile about the march. Juan Ramos, Captain of Defense, came and proceeded to explain details of the march, the origin and platform of the Y.L.P., and some historical points on Puerto Rico.

Kunkle and Casper compared Bethlehem and Allentown neighborhoods to those of Philadelphia. The Bethlehem people spent the rest of the day rapping to other brothers and street people.

At present a group is being recruited to go to New York and join in the march. It is hoped that a fairly large group from Reading, Allentown, Bethlehem, Easton and other surrounding towns will join in. For more information contact Open Valley (691-8353). We'll give you phone numbers and addresses for getting more information.

Young Lords Demand Removal of U.S. From Island

(LNS) -- Thirty young Puerto Ricans between the ages of 13 and 25 rode down the mountain of Barrio Coabey into the town of Jayuya on October 30, 1950, opened fire and attacked the jailhouse. They were members of the Puerto Rican Nationalist Party and their leader was a woman, Blanca Canales. The Nationalists held Jayuya for two days before their rebellion, and the Nationalist uprisings in ten other Puerto Rican towns were crushed.

On the twentieth anniversary of that brave attempt to liberate Puerto Rico, the Young Lords Party is calling for a national demonstration at the UN to protest the colonization of Puerto Rico by the U.S. and to press demands:

1. Liberate Puerto Rico now:
 - a. Withdraw all military bases from the island.
 - b. No more Puerto Ricans forced to serve in the U.S. Army.
2. Free all political prisoners and prisoners of war.
3. End the genocide of all Third World people.
4. Smash U.S. imperialism.

The Third World contingent of the demonstration will meet at 125th Street and Lexington Avenue at 11 am and will join white supporters at 96th and Lexington at 11:30 am, when the two groups will march together to the UN.

Speakers at the October 30 rally will include representatives from two Puerto Rican movements, MPI (Puerto Rican Pro-Independence Movement) and FUPI (Federation of University Students Pro-Independence); Joe Waller from JOMO (Junta of Militant Organizations); Dominican and Chicano radicals; a member of I Wor Kuen, a Chinese collective; a member of the Black Panther Party Central Committee; and radical lawyer William Kunstler. Puerto Rican folksingers will provide entertainment.

THE PRIMARY PURPOSE OF THE UN DEMONSTRATION IS TO CALL ATTENTION TO THE ENSLAVED CONDITION OF PUERTO RICO WHICH IS OWNED AND CONTROLLED BY THE UNITED STATES.

Today the island legislature's power deal with such heavy matters as traffic regulations. Real political power resides in the U.S. House Committee on Insular Affairs and the Senate Committee on Territorial and Insular Affairs, both of which meet in Washington, D.C., some 1500 miles from San Juan. Appeals from Puerto Rican courts are decided in Boston and final jurisdiction rests with the U.S. Supreme Court.

U.S. federal agencies control the country's foreign relations, customs, immigration, post office system, communications, radio, television, commerce, transportation, maritime laws, military service, social security, banks, currency and defense -- all of this without the people of Puerto Rico having a vote in the U.S. elections.

The Pentagon controls 13 per cent of Puerto Rico's land and operates five atomic bases there. In addition to the major bases, there are about 100 medium and small military installations, training camps, and radar and radio stations.

Three U.S. companies control Puerto Rico's sugar industries, which accounts for half the island's agricultural income. Impoverished Puerto Rican plantation workers chop the cane for tax-free U.S. companies, ship the raw product to the States where it is refined, packaged and taxed, and then buy back the finished product at exorbitant prices.

Phillips, Union Carbide, Texaco and Standard Oil control Puerto Rico's other important resource, the petrochemical industry. The oilmen have caused severe pollution in some of the best fishing waters in the world, so that now the island is forced to import 95 per cent of the fish it consumes.

to execute Truman, the man responsible for the supposed death of their leader. Torresola and one guard were killed during the gun battle that raged that day at Blair House, the temporary residence of the president. Three other guards were wounded.

Collazo was originally sentenced to death for his attempt against Truman, but the pressure of an international movement to save his life forced the president to commute his sentence. All over Latin America people had demonstrated, picketed and rioted for Collazo. Even heads of state, like Prime Minister Nehru of India and King George of England sent telegrams and letters asking Truman to save Collazo's life. Argentina threatened to break off relations with the U.S. if his sentence was not commuted.

Collazo is still serving his life sentence in Ft. Leavenworth, Kansas.

woman led revolutionary action

On March 1, 1954, the United States House of Representatives was scheduled to discuss how to crush the spirit of Puerto Rican independence which was still simmering after the attempted revolution of 1950. To remind the rulers of Puerto Rico that the liberation struggle would continue, four New York members of the Nationalist Party, led by Lolita Lebron, walked into the spectators gallery and emptied their guns into the assembly below. They wounded five congressmen, one seriously. As the house guards came at them, Lolita unfurled the Puerto Rican flag, wrapped it around her arms and yelled for the world to hear, "QUE VIVA PUERTO RICO LIBRE." Lolita is still in a federal prison in Virginia; her male companions are in Leavenworth.

Martin Sostre is a black Puerto Rican currently serving a 41-year sentence on a trumped-up narcotics charge. His real crime was challenging white author-



Young Lords lead march in East Harlem.

American Metal Climax and Kennicott Copper are presently in the process of ripping off \$1.5 billion worth of Puerto Rican copper deposits.

What do Puerto Ricans get out of the helping hand the U.S. has lent its tiny neighbor? Knowledgeable Puerto Ricans put the unemployment rate at 30 per cent. Four out of every five Puerto Rican families earn less than \$3000 per year; one half receive less than \$1000 annually. Whereas wages are a fraction of those on the mainland, the cost of living on the island is higher. Most statistics place island cost at 25 per cent higher than those in New York, Chicago or Boston.

"free all political prisoners"

In their demand "free all political prisoners and prisoners of war" the Young Lords are particularly pressing for the release of four Puerto Rican liberation fighters -- Oscar Collazo, Lolita Lebron, Martin Sostre and Carlos Feliciano.

Oscar Collazo has spent twenty years in jail for the attempted assassination of President Truman on November 1, 1950. Collazo was the President of the Nationalists Party Junta in New York at the time of the attempt. The American press had incorrectly reported that Nationalist Party leader Pedro Albizu Campos had been killed in action during the uprisings in Puerto Rico on October 30. Collazo and his companion Griselio Torresola decided

ity. Sostre was operating the Afro-Asian Bookstore during the 1967 black rebellion in Buffalo. The store had been a center for community gatherings, so police and firemen destroyed it during the riots. Sostre still wanted to serve the community, so he boarded up the front and used it for a community information center. The cops retaliated -- they beat Sostre and arrested him on the phony narcotics charge. A year later, an all-white jury sentenced him to 41 years in prison. Sostre spent the first 13 months of that sentence in solitary confinement.

Carlos Feliciano is being held in solitary confinement on \$250,000 bail in Manhattan men's jail, The Tombs. He was arrested May 16 and charged with attempting to blow up an army recruiting station in the Bronx, and with being responsible for 40 other bombings in New York City. Police allege that he is a member of MIRA (Movimiento Independentista Revolucionario Armado), a group which has destroyed \$14 million worth of U.S. property in Puerto Rico and the United States.

Feliciano is the former bodyguard of Nationalist Army leader Albizu Campos and a former cadet in the Nationalist Army. After the uprisings of 1950 he was charged under the Smith Act of speaking against the government and sentenced to five years in prison. He moved to New York after his release, hoping to escape further repression.

QUE VIVA PUERTO RICO LIBRE!

Reading's Malcolm X Center Raps

THE MALCOLM X INFORMATION CENTER in Reading, Pa. is the culmination of years of civil rights work in that city. It is a disciplined, democratically operating cadre of young revolutionary Blacks dedicated to the total freedom of all the world's oppressed people.

Open Valley visited the Center in August and interviewed the people there. Various members of the Center answered the interview questions. We know they'd rather be identified collectively than as individuals, for it is the spirit of unity and sharing among them that has made the Center the lifeblood of the Reading Black community.

Open Valley: Could you explain the physical set-up of the Malcolm X Center?

It's very simple. In back is the kitchen where they cook the food for the free lunch program, for the liberation school. There's also a workroom, which is the reason we all have to clear with the O.D. (officer of the day) in order to go back there.

For security reasons as well as to develop discipline. This whole office is the responsibility of the O.D. So anyone, either central staff or rank and file, is subject to whatever directions the O.D. gives. Downstairs we have a study hall, with couches and a television. The study hall is for people who need discipline, who have trouble with studies, as well as a place to relax.

Most of the people here don't really have time to sit down and relax. The television is useful for news. This workroom is really only for the cadre. The next room in front is the library. We have about 130 books, but most of them are out. People read anything from Marx, Malcolm X, Huey, to you name it. People check them out and keep them for 2 weeks, or for as long as they read them.

O.V.: How is the organization set up?

It's all based the same as the Panthers' office would be run. It's run by sections. These sections are important because that's where the work is done. That is the focal point of political ideology being developed. There are section leaders and there are rank and file, just like a squad in an army. It's the same in a political and a military army, you see.



O.V.: How big is a section?

About 4 or 5 men. Men or women, excuse me.

O.V.: Where do you feed the children in the lunch program?

Usually there are so many they have to eat in the back yard. Some eat in here. We clear the library table and pull it out.

O.V.: How successful is the lunch program?

The enthusiasm of the people in the lunch program is amazing. They're quick. It's so clear and right, they pick it up. Archie Peterson runs a liberation school before lunch. We were in Phila. today and talked to Sonia. She gave us some curriculum which is developmental, which has more continuity. We have been doing real well in pointing out some basic political lessons. We have a book now of cartoon caricatures of people in power and different things like that. A combination of things is necessary. The kids like to sing.

O.V.: What about adult education?

We're supposed to have general political education for the community. In order to have that, you have to have a well-developed central staff and a well-functioning office. Summer is usually not the best time.

Summer is a better time for dances, festivals, and other ways to create

community spirit. Which might be viewed as non-political. If we had a better community spirit, there would be a lot more revolutionary ferment. What's happening is that people are still relating to individual problems. So the idea of carnivals, festivals, dances, films brings the people together.

The idea is just being together, having rapport, sharing experiences with the people is meaningful. As long as you set your goal as mature political development, then you understand that this is one level of functioning.

In the central staff, you have another level--you expect more. You don't expect central staff to freak off over dances or clothes. But you can expect that from the masses of the people who are still pretty much blinded in many ways. You have to respect their level and understanding.

O.V.: How would you outline your overall program?

We break down into 4 areas: to serve, to educate, to organize, to liberate. That's a simple way of dealing, because a lot of times people don't relate to rhetoric. They don't relate to philosophy, but they do relate to direct and simple problems. If you can identify those problems, you can show them that the reason for those problems will never be completely removed until you change the whole system.

We serve the people, like with a free clothing program and a 50% haircut program. You should use every opportunity, from recreational to purely political, to get rapport with the people.

O.V.: Did you have any problems when you first started organizing and instilling a sense of discipline?

It seems really hard to get people to want to do things on their own. To have a desire to do it the right way. We have to find discipline which is organization of the spirit, you know.

The pigs figure they can destroy the momentum of the movement. You must get used to the fact that you're in guerilla warfare. A soldier in the regular army is always supported by the ever-present power of the state--laws, courts, and police maintain discipline. But the guerilla must always be driven and continue to be driven from within.

He understands what he's fighting for; he's part of it. He doesn't fear his leader. The leader in a people's army knows he's only the coordinator. The guerilla army is completely different from the fascist state's army. The guerilla has real discipline and fights right along.

O.V.: What is the first step for someone who wants to become a revolutionary?

You have to put aside your career, put aside your personal life, put aside a personal type of so-called happiness. I wanted to study law and help the poor. I went to Penn State, where black people did everything like the white people did, striving for white goals, white standards, careers. All that stuff was weird.

Lumpenproletariat

O.V.: Some so-called communist parties say that street people don't become reliable revolutionaries? How do you feel about that?

The prostitute can be a beautiful person. She has a political potential. All we have to do is direct her toward the revolution. Ex-prostitutes, ex-junkies, other street people, can be strong revolutionary fighters. They've reacted against and rejected the law and order of things once before in their lives. They're the smartest people. They know how to develop easier ways to survive.

You have to offer the junkie or the prostitute an alternative way to live, and that alternative is only one--revolution. But you have to remember that a political army can not tolerate people who are still junkies within its ranks, even though we understand the junkie outside of the ranks; we understand that he's a victim of pig society, of capitalism and racism. But within the ranks, you just can't have it. There would be no security and a breakdown in revolutionary discipline.

O.V.: How does one go about setting up a program of revolutionary political study?

Sometimes it starts with culture of history. The Spanish speaking people have to learn their culture, have to learn, for example, that the Puerto Rican people have always resisted oppression. They have a proud history of revolutionary tendencies.

But the best thing comes back to people getting themselves together, and not worrying about developing a whole curriculum, a whole program, getting your own books, finding your own cartoons.

You gotta know every aspect of your community. You must have real, rational knowledge of what's happening there. You gotta know the experience, the tendencies, whose dad slept with whose mother and all that kind of shit.



O.V.: What are some of the unique problems in this American Revolution?

There must be a completely new analysis. The United States Government, with its advanced technology, with its confused class line, with its tremendous racist force. Under feudalism, everything was clear--there were slaves and masters. In the early days of monopoly capitalism, there were workers and bosses. But when they moved the democratic socialists into the left wing of the Democratic Party, they confused class lines.

And they combined standards that even a dog would reject. They do it with money, and they do it with tricks. You think Flip Wilson is a solid brother, with a sense of pride in himself? So what's he doing? He's doing suntan lotion commercials and singing for the National Guard.

Your job is hard, there's no doubt about it. Your job, you know, is making white people catch up. If white people don't catch up politically, you're going to see some nasty things happen. Whites are going to be disregarded. We hate doers of evil, we hate pig systems. There's such a tremendous quantity of white people who are racists--we can't let them stand in the way between us and the pig power structure, the big corporate businessmen and their fascist armies.

We have to counter-act the pig press, which actually mesmerizes white workers. The pig media have thoroughly saturated us with the myth that we can all make it big if we try. And then we don't have an opportunity.

There's malignancy in the school systems, the churches, the family structure, the Army, you name it. The movies, the magazines, all those mother-fuckers are continuing the government in subtle ways.

A lot of kids think it's fun to go out and sell an underground newspaper. But this is a serious thing. A newspaper must make the people aware of what is really happening, must create political awareness.

It's inevitable that some radicals are going to fall aside, because the work is too hard, and only the strong survive. The weak go off and rationalize they'll be too busy, have too many personal problems. But the strong have to stay in there.

It's difficult--the pig makes it almost impossible for everyone to continue to relate. One of our goals is to get a revolutionary army. And with that in mind we have to live as an army.

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I-78 PLANS CONTINUE

Until recently Route 22 served adequately as a high speed limited access route for east-west highway traffic through the Lehigh Valley. Greatly increased traffic has in recent years caused slowups on this route.

Proposals for alleviating this problem have come from two government sources--The Joint Planning Commission of Lehigh-Northampton Counties and the State Department of Transportation. The JPC in its '64 Comprehensive Plan felt that a new road "should be located not where it is now, but south of the three cities, thereby separating the local function of Route 22 from the thru traffic function of Interstate 78."

The road was to pass below Easton, the Lehigh River and South Mountain to the boundary of Salisbury and Upper Saucon Townships, from there to proceed in a straight north west line to a linkage with Route 22 west of Fogelsville. It was to cross Salisbury Township and Allentown by means of a merger with an upgraded Route 309.

The Pennsylvania Department of Transportation modified this plan by moving I-78 to the south, and proposing that the idea of Utilizing a widened 309 be abandoned in favor of a line

passing directly west from Lanark through the Vera Cruz vicinity, then looping around Macungie to the JPC's terminus.

Mr. Jordan, the Chief Engineer of District 5-0 (Allentown) of the Pennsylvania Department of Transportation, gave an explanation of the rationale for the building of I-78, and the choice the Department has made for a specific corridor route.

He commented that "existing Route 22 is no longer viable as an east-west highway. The average traffic count is presently running about 45,000 vehicles a day between McArthur Road and the Bethlehem Spur Route."

He stated that the JPC plan for extending I-78 west from Lanark by widening 309 was abandoned because "widening costs would be prohibitive." Also, "If we widen that highway we can't get Federal funds unless it is upgraded to meet Federal standards."

In answer to the question of discrepancies about cost estimates he felt that "Well, yes there's been criticism about that--there was very little engineering data at first. The marked estimation is due to two things: the accumulation of additional data and inflation."

He demonstrated the factor of inflation by stating that at the present, the cost of building highways is increasing at a rate of 1.2% a month. He believed that this highway project would require at least four years from the beginning of engineering studies to completion, thus allowing for considerable cost increases to come in the future.

The following criticisms of the proposals are taken from the report on I-78 of C.W. Watchorn, a retired engineer with 45 years of experience in project planning for private industries:

Mr. Watchorn's basic criticism of the proposed interstate highway rests on the premise that there never have been made adequate studies as to the genuine need for such a project. He contends that "What is really needed is an honest to-goodness planning study for the whole three-city area, based on facts, as best they can be determined, not based on preconceived ideas, prejudices, the misuse of data nor the assignment of magical foresight in anyone."

"Also, it should be recognized in such planning that the loading of various projected highways indicate their use, which is necessary for design purposes, but not necessarily their need in the area where the highway may be projected to be located for study purposes. Their need can only be determined on the basis of the extent they relieve overloading and bottlenecks elsewhere."

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Vets Call for Immediate Withdrawal from Vietnam

The Philadelphia area was alive with action the second week of September. The center of activity was Temple University, where the newly liberated Huey P. Newton and 11,000 people held the Plenary Session of the Revolutionary People's Constitutional Convention.

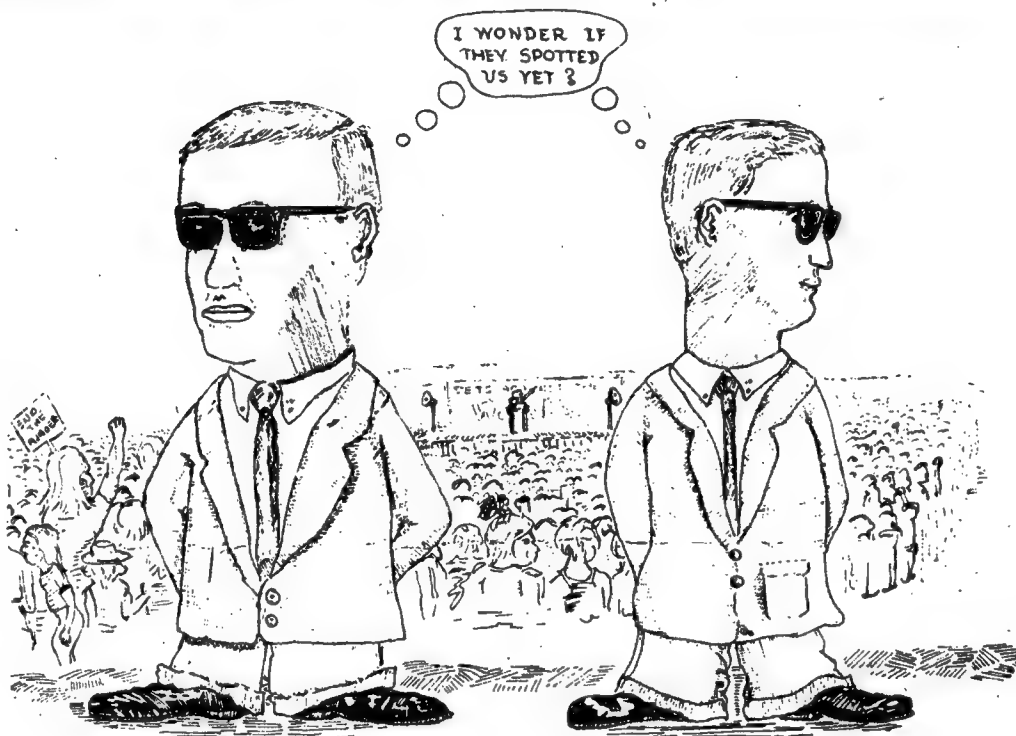
However, the Vietnam Veterans Against the War were not idle that famous week. In an 85 mile, four day march, 250 Vietnam vets, active duty G.I.'s and other war veterans dramatized the U.S. Army's "search and destroy" type of mission. The contingent marched from Moorestown, N.J. to Valley Forge for a mass rally Monday, September 7, to complete the OPERATION RAW (Rapid American Withdrawal) demonstration.

The 150 marchers carried toy M-16's. A great deal of them had the long hair and beards commonly associated with hippydom. As comical as these hippies with toy guns may have seemed, the uniforms were quite real. Real also were the numerous green berets of the Special Forces, the glittering captain's bars worn by one Nam vet, and the row upon row of metals worn by all of the men. Silver and bronze stars, ironically, were not at all uncommon.

The American Legion was also there, represented by 8 middle-aged picketers, with their "ONLY THE INSANE WANT PEACE" signs and many flags (most popular was the Confederate). They were strongly outnumbered by veterans of their own age proudly wearing their blue and white "Vets for Peace in Vietnam" caps.

Even the FBI was there in force, photographing everyone in uniform for future use in identifying deserters. Thirteen in all, in various sizes and dress, came to watch, take pictures, and just oink in general. Their bureaucratic need for standardization gave them away in the end, however. The cloudless sky was bright this Sept. day, and they all wore sunglasses. All the very same kind of FBI issue sunglasses.

The many speakers at the rally talked about what millions already realize to be true-- the incredible illegality and immorality of U.S. presence in Southeast Asia.



The increased militancy of the anti-war movement was captured at the rally by Mark Lane, when he spoke of the industrial-military war machine (otherwise known as the pig power structure, or monopoly capitalism). He said simply, "We, the common



Carolyn Mugar/LNS IN FLEMINGTON, N.J., A PRISONER IS TAKEN, BLINDFOLDED, HIS HANDS TIED BEHIND HIS BACK. HIS CRIME: IMPROPER IDENTIFICATION. EVENTUALLY HE IS TAKEN BEHIND A BUILDING AND SHOT. ACCORDING TO THE CAPTORS, "THE GOOK TRIED TO ESCAPE."

people of this country, have built it up, and we can tear it down"

The Philadelphia chapter of VVAW is planning more action. They will lead the march from JFK Blvd. to Independence Mall on Oct. 31, National Peace Action Day.

If you are a veteran and want to be part of this movement, information about Oct. 31 and VVAW is available: call Jon Bjornson at CH7-6518 or Don Sproehnle at GL7-4035. Or just come in fatigues to City Hall in Center City Philadelphia, Sat., Oct. 31, at 10:45 AM.

VIETNAM VETERANS AGAINST THE WAR
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A SALUTE TO DR. ALBRIGHT

"Whenever I went into the clinic, they almost shouted to me, very slowly, in third grade English-- as though anyone on assistance was deaf and a moron."

"My arm was broken into slivers, and they had it in a slint over a week, awaiting surgery. The splint was slipping, and I was in agony. But since my hair was long, they figured I was a dope freak and refused to give me any pain medication. The pain had me in tears and I couldn't sleep. Finally a young nurse gave me something for the pain and got screamed at for it. Right in front of me, the charge nurse told her, 'Yah, some longhair down the hall's been pulling the same "pain" stunt.'"

"I was in labor. I was there on DPA, and they knew I had been on junk. One nurse said, 'Huh, wonder whose kid it is.' I yelled, 'My husband's!' Another time I was asked if I was going to shoot up my kids."

All of the above are not uncommon experiences for the poor, the young, the minorities who have come to Lehigh Valley hospitals seeking help but unable to buy courtesy, the best medical attention possible, or human concern. This treatment has left some reluctant to seek help, and has made a hospital visit for some people a cruelty to be endured as the price for health. "I was still seriously ill with hepatitis, but the nurses' hostility had me so upset I discharged myself. It wasn't worth it."

Somewhere in the maze of hospital politics are a few whose devotion to the art of healing is sincere and who treat the oppressed and alienated with a love that cannot be purchased. One of them is Dr. David Albright, a resident at Allentown Hospital. He is a contradiction to the system, and an alternative for the disenfranchised seeking medical help without indignity.

Too many people have been heard to say that they would refuse to see any but this physician, facetiously nicknamed "the hippy doctor." There has to be a reason. Too many people know what it is. Some day medical institutions will no longer contain indifferent, money-oriented doctors, disciplinarian, deisel-dyke nurses, sadistic orderlies, or cruel aides.

But until then a lot of people are grateful, David Albright, that you and other medical workers of conscience are there. And for your integrity, your humanity, your good work in healing, and your stand against the callousness around you, we salute you.

I-78...

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"It is possible that thorough and sound studies have been made of the need for a new highway, but if so, the studies or information about them have been withheld or even concealed from the public. But from all available evidence after due inquiry NO ADEQUATE STUDY OF THE NEED FOR I-78 IN THE LEHIGH VALLEY HAS EVER BEEN MADE. The studies which have been made are hardly adequate on which to base the current proposed expenditure of \$110,000,000 plus."

Further comments by the report's author on the expense of the project include the statements that "...it may well be expected that ALL the costs relating to the construction of I-78 south of the three cities and not the \$80 million that was quoted in the newspaper this past spring (1969) supposedly as the cost for the portion of I-78 between Route 309 and the Delaware River only, although this is not too clear."

This figure should be compared with the \$50 million given only a year ago last spring, the \$90 million of June 11 of this year ('69) and then the \$100 million of July 22.

Representative of local governmental opposition to the southern corridor are the feelings of the Upper Saucon Township supervisors. They cite the observation made by consultants with the Lehigh Valley Transportation Study that "70 to 80% of the traffic on Route 22 within the corridor covered by the study, is locally generated and is indeed not of interstate origin..."

Furthermore, with the opening this September of Interstate 80 and the subsequent connection to I-80 in New Jersey, knowledgeable sources are of the opinion that much of the through traffic will divert to the new route, thus still further reducing the impact of the Southern Corridor of I-78 on the existing problem.

It would seem proper, therefore, that the LVTS should concentrate on the cause of the problem and not the affect specifically, to relieve local traffic

Reading 'Interview ...

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O.V.: Do you think that the Revolution is facing overwhelming odds?

I can guarantee you to beat the pig. All you have to do is to organize yourself, equip yourself with political and military knowledge, and you'll destroy him. The pig is a filmsy character.

Hit 'em from all sides, you see, and when his institutions don't hold up for him anymore, when social workers have run away from the middle ground, the people aren't going for those insults anymore.

O.V.: I take it you don't dig the non-violent approach?

Don't even talk to me about peaceful demonstrations and about non-violence. As Malcolm X said, non-violence only works when the other guy's non-violent also.

O.V.: What do you think will be the role of intellectuals and professionals in the Revolution?

There are many people in many walks of life who support liberation. They're not pigs, but some of them are not able politically to understand that they're working for the pigs. These people are very important, you know. They get stuff for us, they write for us, they run mimeograph machines.

At this stage of the Revolution, that's very important, because this stage calls for a lot of articulating, a lot of writing, a lot of communicating and challenging of ideas. We need people who can get around a lot and show films and articulate alot.

O.V.: What would you say is the primary enemy?

The pig press makes white people think that every black person who's fighting for liberation is out to cut the breasts off their daughters or strangle their sons or some mad, sadistic act.

Black people are enemies of white racist government. It's the government that endorses, condones, and practices racism against Black and all other Third World people.

on Route 22."

Of direct concern to this local governmental unit is the damage I-78 could do to their future growth and tax base. The new highway in their opinion "Would negate to a large extent the part Upper Saucon might be expected to play in the Comprehensive Plan for the bi-county area, that is, to provide space for future residential and recreational needs. This statement needs some amplification for those not familiar with our community."

"The existing land use is rather peculiar in that about 1/3 of our area is owned by three major landholders, and closed to future development. Approximately 1/3 is hilly and otherwise unsuitable for concentrated development, and the remaining 1/3 of good land available for development is to be the route of the new I-78."

Gay Male

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was trying to identify myself as a homosexual and not understanding what a real homosexual was. Being a sheltered mama's boy, I was told to stay away from a particular neighbor boy. Now that I look back I can see where I got my first impression of what a homosexual was. Supposedly, if you were gay, you had to be feminine: walk with a wiggle and fly around with your wrist. Today I find myself confronted by unknowing friends who think the same. Let me tell ya something. Don't get it in your head that all gays

are swishy and feminine. Only 20% of homosexuals come off in an extreme feminine fashion. In the past three years I've traveled over 6,000 miles, which in turn has taught me a lot. Being surprised to find men in all fields, shapes and sizes and colors having my same desires.

I used to ask myself how I could let other gays know I was living their bag. I questioned as how I should walk, talk, and act. This was really a bunch of shit, because the most important thing was to be yourself. Wondering if everyone who was a homosexual just sucked dick or was there more. Could one man actually love another man as a man loves a woman?

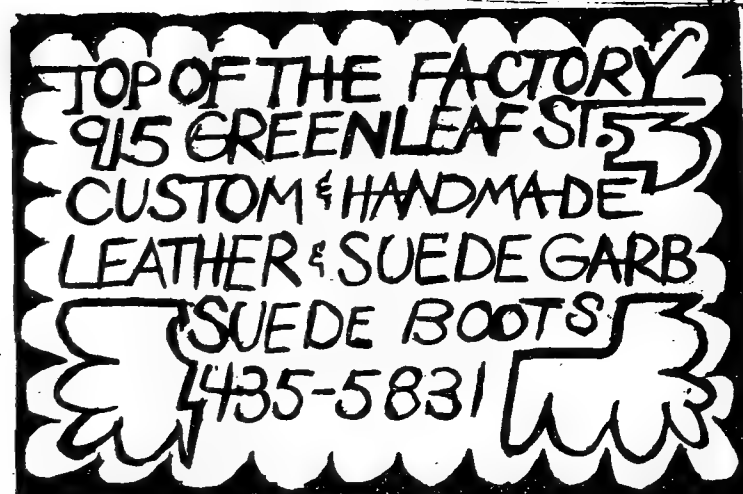
What I'm trying to say is 'could two men love each other and feel each others needs?', seek out ones feelings and express them freely. These are feelings I wanted to desperately know. I wasn't the type of person who could be satisfied with a one-sided affair where I put out and got nothing in return. I needed a mutual relationship that would grow in intensity grew more a part livin within the other. Why was I always seeking an answer to a question too deep to ask?

"MY HEAD WAS A MESS"

Friends that I had know for years soon became aware of my struggle for identity. Often questioning my evasive attitude or the quick glance at another male with whom I felt attracted to. Some even became cruel and threw out their own insecurity by calling me a faggot or queer. Soon my head was a mess and my stability began a fast and steady dive for self-destruction. Again I was alone. My grades soon began slipping and finally I found myself skipping school regularly. Too often people don't realize how this effects a person emotionally. I have been hurt more than one or two times, and often find myself being brutally attacked in a verbal way. Soon I became popular in an unpopular way. Disgusted with myself as a freak, a queer, and a faggot I began to run. Running down a wildly winding path toward a life I had no concept of.

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RELEASEMENT TOWARD THE BAD THING

Quitting school, I soon found myself walking endlessly hoping for an answer to my tormenting loneliness. Since I had asked my guidance counselor for help, it had gotten out about my homosexuality. At this time I wasn't capable of handling the hostility of an unfeeling minority. Soon I was a lonely desperate individual, seeking anyone to share my feelings. Gradually I met more guys more shared these emotional and physical needs. Yet there was something missing-- something that I needed that I wasn't getting. I was aware of my sexual needs, and often felt odd when they became apparent. Yet I felt dirty, even sick at times.

RUNNING TO NOWHERE

I felt I was doing something wrong that would even haunt me in my sleep. I ran from one city to another seeking an area where gay people hung out. Soon I found myself 3,000 miles from home still running. Yes, running with no end in sight to whatever goal I was trying to reach. I've been through a lot in the past four years, but I haven't stopped looking for the answers to my questions. Maybe they'll never be answered except 'what am I?'

I'm a person, an individual with homosexual desires and a lot of love to give. My long road is now ending. My goal is in sight at last. I'm in the process of finding myself and getting it together; looking at everyone as a person with feelings and desires of their own; doing something they feel and want to do.

Revolution is here. It's now that things must change. Loving one another and caring for each other as individuals. Come together now.

People need love, give it!

IAN HARRIS



open valley tribe

marti martnick, nancy ball, ron benner, tim brady, mike carroll, "che", nick d'alonzo, "fidel," mary ellen finn, joe gallagher, louise gentile, mitch gueran, ian harris, dave heckman, mrs. anna hunt, diane lavendoski, chris leh, steve mastronarde, john pegram, funky penguin, barb prince, marty and wynn remaly, steve rose, ron sallard, mike schlosser, curt shell, lucy skrapits, chuck snelling, robyn stefanik, janet sulman, craig thomas, jeff vitelli, zoro.

the People will make the Constitution

Twenty-five thousand to fifty thousand people will be in Washington, November 27-29, for the People's Constitutional Convention. They need to be fed and housed. They need doctors and medical supplies. Their children need to be cared for in day care centers.

Open Valley is serving as the Lehigh Valley Information center for the Convention and we need help in collecting supplies and volunteers to make the Convention a success.

Help is needed in 7 different areas:

INFORMATION

- I. Obtaining Supplies
 - A. Needed are stencils (9 holes), regular and vinyltronic (stencils used on stencil burners), correction fluid, correction type, carbon typewriter ribbons, 35mm film, Polaroid film-cartridge film for Kodak instamatic, cassette tapes, gestetner mimeo ink, Flair fine point pens, magic markers (large), press type lettering (30-36-42-48 point type bold), large manila envelopes.
 - B. Needed are hundreds of reams (500 equal a ream) of 8½ X 11" mimeo paper (preferably 20 weight-sub 20). It could be in white or colors.
 - C. A functional mimeograph machine will be needed for the duration of the Convention. If you or someone you know has one that can be spared for approximately a week, please contact me so that arrangements can be made for picking it up and delivery. Most likely it won't be used unless problems develop with the machines at the convention.

II. Typists

- A. Speed typists are needed to work in the ministry of information at the convention in shifts.
Contact: Peggy Steele
Open Valley
691-8353

FOOD

- I. Non-perishables are primary.
 - A. Canned vegetables, coffee, sugar, salt, etc. are necessary.
 - B. We need large pots and pans in which to cook the food.
 - C. Cleaning utensils are greatly needed.
 - D. Chickens and pork loin are needed in large amounts (a special truck is needed to transport the perishables).
 - E. We also need people to cook and serve the food. If you live out of town, you can still get involved.
- II. Storing
 - A. Walk-in-freezers here in the valley are necessary to preserve the perishables.
Contact: Mike Carroll
Open Valley
691-8353

DAY CARE

Twenty-four day care centers will be set up for the duration of the convention, we need the following:

- I. First aid kits, pampers, baby powder, baby food, sheets, blankets, potties, training seats, cribs, and a baby doctor.
- II. People who are willing to help in the day care centers at the convention.
Contact: [REDACTED]
Open Valley
691-8353

MEDICINE

- I. Obtaining supplies and volunteer medical personnel
 - A. Needed are doctors (including gynecologists and pediatricians), nurses (LPN and RN)
 - B. Medical supplies: bandages, iodine, cold tablets, medication, laxatives, pain killers, examination tables and any-
comes handy.

II. Medical Facilities

- A. Doctors and nurses will be on 24 hour call.
- B. First aid stations will be set up.
Contact: Robyn Stetaniak
Open Valley
691-8353

TRANSPORTATION

- I. Vehicles needed.
 - A. Buses
 - B. Trains
 - C. Cars, trucks, vans
 - D. Drivers needed with license to drive a bus.
Contact: Craig Thomas
Open Valley
691-8353

COMMUNICATIONS

- I. Registration
We need to know who is going to the convention from the valley in order to prepare enough facilities in Washington. Registration curbs should be set up everywhere immediately.
- II. Establishing Communications
The convention needs people to work in shifts on telephones at the convention.
Contact: Open Valley
691-8353

HOUSING

- I. Housing will be provided in Washington. The convention coordinator needs to know how many people are going from the area.
- II. Sleeping bags and blankets are needed.
Contact: Open Valley
691-8353

We hope that every school and organization dedicated to serving the people sets up their own information center and registration centers and informs Open Valley of their progress. Remember we are not merely collecting supplies and volunteers but organizing a unified political base here in the valley dedicated to a new society based on love and sharing. Our strength depends on our unity! POWER TO THE PEOPLE!

UNITED STATES GOVERNMENT

Memorandum

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TO : DIRECTOR, FBI (100-460634)

DATE: 4/8/71

FROM : SAC, PHILADELPHIA (100-51759)

SUBJECT: ~~CHANGED~~
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~~"Civil Defense"~~
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Title marked changed to indicate change of name for subject newspaper from "Open Valley" to "Civil Defense."

Enclosed for the Bureau is one issue of "Civil Defense" No. 1 dated 2/15/71.

Prior investigation has reflected that the last issue of "Open Valley" Newspaper was Volume 1, Number 6, dated 10/28/70. Subsequent to that date there was bickering and disputes among its leadership, and no further issues of "Open Valley" were published.

STEPHEN G. ROSE, the founder of "Open Valley" and his girlfriend PEGGY STEELE, moved out of "Open Valley" Headquarters 419 Vine Street, Bethlehem, Pa. This building was purchased by ROSE and continues to be occupied by "Open Valley" members who refused to pay any rental for this premise to ROSE.

Towards the end of 1970, ROSE stated in effect that he did not intend to continue publishing "Open Valley" Newspaper since it did not offer any alternatives or solutions to this country's social and governmental policies.

ROSE reportedly stated he wanted no further affiliation with "Open Valley" and he urged STEVE MASTRONARDE and DAVE HECKMAN, Co-Editors of "Open Valley" not to publish any further editions of this newspaper or if they did so to change its name.

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On 2/15/71, Volume E Issue of "Civil Defense" was published and distributed in the Lehigh Valley, Pa., area. STEVE MASTRONARDE and DAVID HECKMAN continue as its Co-Editors.

On 4/6/71 [] advised he talked with both MASTRONARDE and HECKMAN, who continue to live at 419 Vine Street, Bethlehem, Pa.

HECKMAN stated "Civil Defense" has replaced "Open Valley" Newspaper. He stated "Civil Defense" was also printed at Philadelphia Resistance in Philadelphia. HECKMAN mentioned "Civil Defense" obtained several loans from members of "Open Valley" to finance the first issue of "Civil Defense." He mentioned that Volume 2 will be published some time about the end of April 1971. He stated the policy of "Civil Defense" is not to be concerned with Black Panthers or international matters but rather it will concentrate on local problems.

HECKMAN is unemployed. MASTRONARDE has a manual job with Chain Belt Company, Industrial Park, Bethlehem, Pa. ROSE is no longer active in "Open Valley" or "Civil Defense." He reportedly is unemployed and is taking one or two evening courses at Moravian College in Bethlehem, Pa. He hopes to return to college full-time.

LEAD

PHILADELPHIA:

AT BETHLEHEM, PA.

- 1) Will follow activities of "Civil Defense."
- 2) Will furnish Bureau copy of any future issue of "Civil Defense" Newspaper.

ENCLOSURE TO BUREAU FROM PHILADELPHIA

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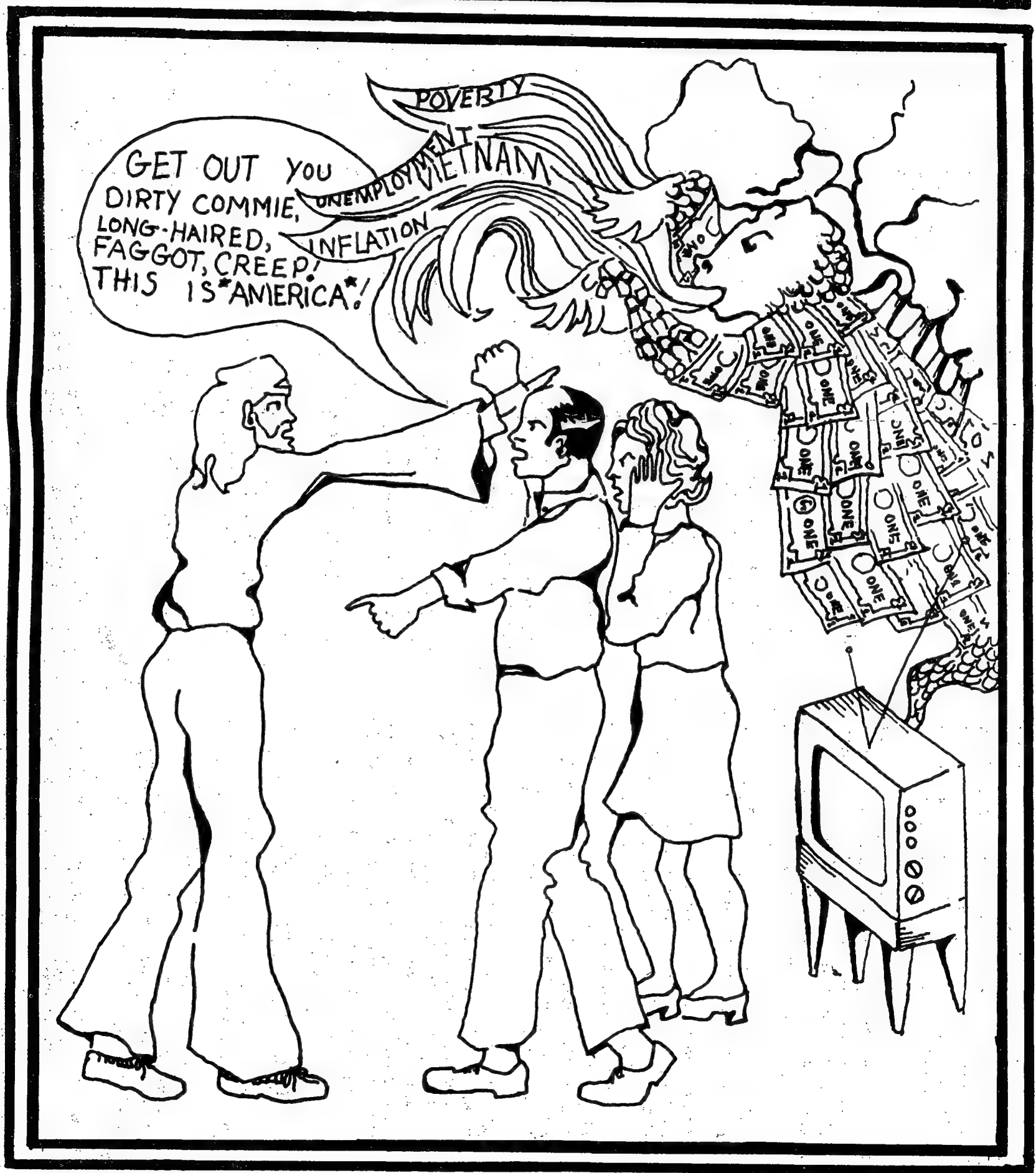
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CIVIL DEFENSE

no.1 15cents



'hey, what's this paper for?'

This newspaper grows out of the love, anger, and determination of a small group of young people. The main purpose of the paper is to stimulate change in the people who read it and in the people who put it out.

We hope to spur the liberation of minds from oppressive prejudices and myths-- mistaken feelings and beliefs which allow the perpetuation of oppression in society and which also oppress the people who hold them.

We want to broaden minds and make ourselves and others more sensitive, so that we will no longer have contempt for people of a different race, nationality, sex, way of life (culture), or physical appearance.

We want to destroy myths, such as "America is a model of democracy," or "in an American court, a man is considered innocent until proven guilty," or "Ho Chi Minh was an evil dictator," or "U.S. foreign policy is guided by good will, not business interests." We hope to present facts and theories that will make people take a critical look at what they have always accepted as reality or as the only reality possible.

The members of this newspaper staff agree upon certain political assumptions about our society and the U.S. power structure, and about the New Society we would like to see. Not all of us agree with everything in all of the articles we print. However, we do agree upon the basic principles set out in this statement.

We who put out this paper are mostly young workers, high school and college students who believe in revolutionary economic, political, and cultural change. Many of us worked on the Open Valley newspaper last fall and summer. (See "Note to Open Valley Subscribers," p. 2)

HOOLIGANS VS MONSTER

We will always resist abusive authority

We considered calling this paper The Long-Haired Hooligan. We proudly accept for ourselves this title that the Premier of Poland has given to the "troublemakers" in that enslaved country who are seeking the same freedoms we are fighting for here. Nixon, Agnew, Mrs. Mitchell, Chuck Snelling, H. Gordon Payrow, or Johnny Mazzeo could just as well have honored us with that choice description.

To us, long hair represents a liberated state of mind, a rejection of plastic culture and hung-up, repressive values which prevent people from being happy. We refuse to have this sterile culture and these senseless, immoral values imposed upon us.

We are called "hooligans" because we fight oppression in all forms and refuse to kiss the hideous rump of the American Monster. Though we may pity sick, unhappy people in power-- the excrement of the Monster, we will always show an angry, determined resistance to arbitrary, abusive authority.

We consider politics to be all relationships among people-- the power relations between the U.S. president and the people of the world, the relationship between parents and their children, or even between two strangers passing each other on the street-- all are political, on different levels.

If we had to describe our political position in one word, we would say we are "socialists." But that wouldn't be fair, because at the mention of socialism (Ah-hah! The International Communist Conspiracy!), many people imagine Russian tanks rumbling down Main St.

In this newspaper, we will try to explain why we reject capitalism and what our view of socialism is. Bear with us, and you might be surprised. For example, would you believe that we call the Russian system "state capitalism," not socialism?

To us, socialism is true democracy-- equality of basic political and economic rights. In (not under) a socialist society, the people, informed and aware, have control of government and industry.

Instead of being used to maximize profits for a relatively small ruling group of individuals and families, technology is applied to make life safer, more comfortable, and more enjoyable for everyone. In a socialist society, no one starves while surplus grain is burned and dumped in the ocean; people are not kept crammed into run-down housing while shopping malls and private estates sprawl over acres of wasted space; the air doesn't choke us when all we have to do is install anti-pollution devices or use different fuels in factories and cars.

Socialism Means LOVE

It is important to understand that true socialism is built upon love of people, cooperation, and sharing rather than upon egoism, competition, and greed.

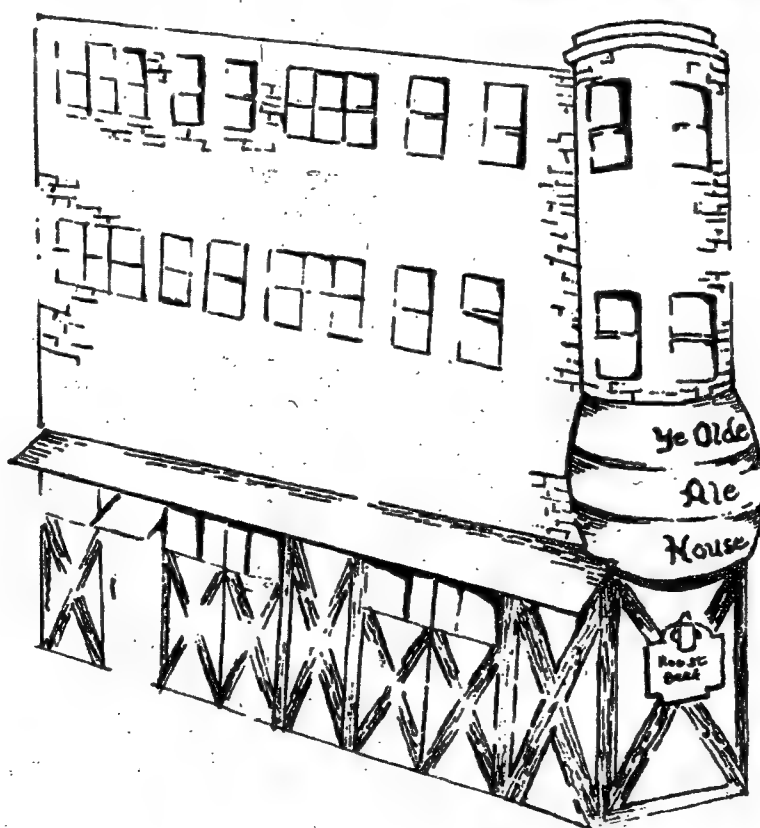
We ask you to join with us in trying to transform this existing hell into a humane, democratic society. We are crying to be heard; many are inwardly crying to be able to speak. Nearly everyone is consciously frustrated, obviously unhappy.

Discontent is potential for Revolution. Unfortunately, most people do not presently believe in revolution because they have little or no hope for attaining a better form of society. They do not believe that we can create a system that will foster and thrive on love among people instead of on self-centered, materialistic motivations.

Many people cannot even conceive of such an alternative. We must liberate people's minds and hearts so that they can imagine and begin to construct a society with a real sense of community.

We, a small group of people, cannot completely describe the New Society, let alone create it. The answers will become clearer only when people recognize their own oppression and begin, in large, organized groups, to seize the control of their own lives away from the Monster.

POLICE, MAYOR PAYROW CONSPIRE TO JAIL SOUTH SIDE YOUTHS



by N. O. Good

Tuesday, Nov. 24 was the day someone in the Bethlehem City Hall discovered the conspiracy to riot and the unlawful assembly statutes.

People in the Dept. of Public Safety decided that these charges would fit the alleged acts at the Lehigh Univ. Emery House of the preceding Sat. night. The laws were originally made in order to reduce damage on machinery done by striking workers.

ALL-AMERICAN CITY GOOD TIME BLUES

as sung by Linda Issermeyer

Monday night, December 21, 1970, (exact time 9:00) my girlfriend and I were leaving Carlos' Pizzeria. We walked to the corner of the alley (same block) to wait for my father. A police car pulled into the alley and stopped. A girl walked by and warned, "Look out, the pigs are coming." Everyone we knew and some we didn't disappeared into the nearest building.

We stood alone, waiting for my father. An officer approached us and asked if we had called him. I replied "No." He started towards Carlos'. Halfway there he met up with three other policemen.

At this time a boy had emerged from Carlos'. He had long hair and jeans. He started to turn around but was stopped by the four members of the P. D. He was thrown up against the nearest wall and frisked. All four then took him through the parking lot to their car. Seeing this we decided it was best if we waited inside the pizzeria.

Ten minutes later we decided it was better to return to our corner. We were cautioned by some of our friends not to. Three of us left and began walking down the street. Halfway to our goal a police car pulled over and asked us very nicely to "get in." I said very politely in return, "No, we've done nothing wrong." We got into the car. There were two officers in the front and we sat in the back. We were asked our ages, the boy 15, my girlfriend 16, and me 15. "Take them to juvenile." "But we didn't do anything... we were waiting for my father." "Under arrest for loitering."

Unless I am mistaken, loitering is standing in one place. We were walking. We were never informed of our rights, may be they weren't considered important enough for us to know about. We got out of the car and walked into the station. "The door to your right." We stood in the middle of the room very weakly. A few minutes later we were joined by the boy I mentioned previously. He was older than we were.

Afterwards my girlfriend told me what happened to the first guy the P. D. (continued on page 5 column 3)

Wed. morning, at the mayor's breakfast, the owners of the jewelry stores which had sustained broken display windows Sun. morning complained that more police "protection" was needed on the South Side. Incidentally, nothing had been taken after the windows had been broken.

Mayor Payrow reassured the shopkeepers, "I have been informed through 'underground channels' that there will continue on page 5, column 1

'THINKING ABOUT RESISTING?'

Draft counseling is now available in the Center City area of Bethlehem, as well as at the Lehigh Valley Friends Meeting House.

The Lehigh-Pocono Committee of Concern (LePoCo) has opened an office (phone no. 691-8730) at 14 W. Broad St. (2nd floor) which will serve as a peace and draft information center. Draft counseling has been available there since Feb. 15, from 4-9 PM Monday thru Friday. This service supplements the draft counseling which will continue to be offered every Sat., 1-5 PM, at the Lehigh Valley Friends Meeting House (on rte. 512, just north of rte. 22)

The purpose of draft counseling is to explain to young men their rights and all their options. LePoCo encourages young men, their girlfriends, and parents to visit or call their office if they have any questions about the draft.

City Burns Firehouse Youth

by Pepe

The old Protection Firehouse (4th St., South Side Bethlehem) was a place where the brothers and sisters of Bethlehem could find understanding and freedom.

Now when I talk about understanding, I mean the understanding of how things are at home, trouble, etc. Because a brother or sister has something wrong at home, he or she doesn't like to rap with his or her parents because the kids feel that the parents don't understand. So the brothers and sisters rap with each other and sometimes work things out.

Now when I talk about freedom, I mean the freedom of speech which we don't have because the power structure won't give us the freedom to speak our minds, or talk loud.

The Firehouse, which was "temporarily" closed on Oct. 4, should be open to serve the needs of the people. The mayor wanted to keep the brothers and sisters off the streets because they needed money and time to repair the building, so he said yes, the Firehouse will be opened again but gave some distortions about city council (that doesn't have a Black or Puerto Rican brother who knows how we the oppressed people feel).

Not even discussing it with the city council or the people, the mayor gave no money, but they have money to build their pig empire. Now they say they are going to repair it and find a youth worker. Yeah, they're going to repair it and take their sweet time about it, which means they don't have to open it at all.

If they do have a youth worker, he will probably be someone who doesn't understand us.

I feel we tried to rap to the mayor with the city council when the Bethlehem Youth Coalition gave its "demands" at the council meeting Oct. 27. If we don't get any action now, we should march up to city hall and say we are not asking you, we are not begging you to open the Firehouse (which we were doing ever since they started closing the Firehouse) -- we're telling you to open it, or we the people will open it.

But brothers and sisters, we must get together to fight the racists like mayor payrow and his councilmen. We must get together and do this because if we don't, we'll get kicked and stepped on for the rest of our lives and die young.

Brothers and sisters, I'll end with just this: remember, we are fighting a monster and if we don't destroy it, it will destroy us.

ALL POWER TO THE PEOPLE
LIBERATE THE FIREHOUSE NOW

Your Dollars Can Vote Against War

The average citizen has very little political power. Yes, he can cast one vote every two years for a congressman, every four years for a president, every six years for a senator, although to vote for the man of his choice is often to throw his vote away.

Yes, he can write to his elected officials, but when Sen. Scott can refuse to accept a petition with 16,000 signatures, when a congressman votes to table the McGovern-Hatfield amendment because his anti-war mail has dropped from 10-1 to 3-1, what good is a letter from a constituent? Besides, many people are afraid to write their congressman or take a public stand on a controversial issue such as the war. And with some justification -- all 125 students who carried protest signs, etc. at Nixon's appearance during Billy Graham's Crusade at the University of Tennessee this summer have been arrested on some charge or other.

However, the business community does have enormous political power that can and does exert tremendous and continuous pressure on government. And business depends on the consumer dollar. Americans can vote daily with their dollars -- the bread on your table, the gas in your car, can be a vote against war. If you want, you can retain your anonymity, your votes

"Who is Responsible?" Vietnam Vets Ask

"If certain acts in violation of treaties are crimes, they are crimes whether the United States does them or whether Germany does them, and we are not prepared to lay down a rule of criminal conduct against others which we would be unwilling to have invoked against us."

Justice Robert Jackson
Chief U.S. Prosecutor at Nuremberg

The peace movement, once depicted by hawks as a cover for cowards and communists, has changed. Because of the blatant disregard of life by the war-makers, many men forced to fight in Vietnam have returned home hardened, and anti-war.

Many vets sickened by the military and the horrors of war are unwilling to

join veteran organizations or retell the tales of war. This is understandable. Getting back to the world is hard enough.

About 130 who have never spoken up before and many vets who have been active in the struggle to end the war will meet in Detroit Jan. 31 for a three day public hearing into the war. The Winter Soldier Investigation is sponsored by the Vietnam Veterans Against the War, Inc. The VVAW is holding the investigation to:

- 1) Preclude the further scapegoating of individuals by clearly establishing, through eyewitness testimony, the policy of this government.
- 2) Bring an end to the myth of Individual Aberrations being responsible for atrocities and fix the blame where it properly belongs -- on Johnson, Nixon, Westmoreland, Abrams, CIA, etc.

If you are a vet and have witnessed any war crime by the United States government or any agent pledged to carry out the policies of the government, don't remain silent.

If you are a vet, contact Vietnam Veterans Against the War, Inc., 156 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10010. Room 753. (212) 255-8140

If you are a concerned citizen and care about the war, contact The National Committee for a Citizens' Commission of Inquiry on U.S. War Crimes in Vietnam, 156 Fifth Ave., New York, N.Y. 10010.

Playboy Magazine ran a full page ad in the Feb., '71 issue. Read it and appreciate what's happening.

Mike Schlosser

VVAW Demands

The goals of Vietnam Veterans Against the War are:

1. To demand an immediate cessation of fighting and the withdrawal of all American troops from Indochina; we cannot allow one more human being to die senselessly in Indochina.
2. To demonstrate that our military tactics dehumanize soldiers and civilians and to make clear the underlying governmental policies of the U.S. military and the Nixon administration in prosecuting an unjust and immoral war in Indochina.

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Note to Open Valley Subscribers

At the end of October, 1970, the Open Valley newspaper collective decided to suspend publication. The leaders and majority of the staff of the Open Valley agreed upon a major transformation of the paper. However, there was not sufficient interest to carry on the new organization.

This new paper, Civil Defense, is published by some of the people who put a lot of work into the Open Valley. However, C.D. is not published by Open Valley Movement, Inc.

We are offering to complete your Open Valley subscriptions with Civil Defense, at no extra cost. Please notify us of your acceptance or rejection of our offer by completing the blank below and sending it to:

Civil Defense
P.O. Box 492
South Side Station
Bethlehem, Pa. 18015

phone no. 691-0810

I do ☐ wish to receive Civil Defense as a completion of my Open Valley subscription.

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"SAN QUENTIN"

(Lehigh County Prison,
Easton Juvenile Home...)

(words to "San Quentin" by Johnny Cash)

San Quentin you've been living hell to me
You've galled at me since 1963

I've seen 'em come and go and I've seen 'em die
And long ago, I stopped asking why.

San Quentin, I hate every inch of you
You cut me and you've scarred me through and through
And I'll walk out a wiser, weaker man
Mr. Congressman, why can't you understand?

San Quentin, what good do you think you do?
Do you think that I'll be different when your through?
You bent my heart and mind and you warped my soul
Your stone walls turn my blood a little cold.

San Quentin, may you rot and burn in hell
May your walls fall and may I live to tell
May all the world forget you ever stood
And the whole world will regret, you did no good.

San Quentin you've been living hell to me.

can be a truly secret ballot - you don't have to explain why you aren't buying Morton TV dinners.

Boycott for Peace is gradually spreading across the country. Its purpose is to pressure the Business Community into using its political power and influence to end the war and redirect the nation's goals toward the building of a better society.

Although the primary objective of the Boycott is to bring the consumer voice into the military-industrial complex, it can be the beginning of a constructive consumer campaign to say NO to misleading advertising, confusing packaging, inferior and harmful products.

Some of the sponsors of the boycott are: National Student Association, Another Mother for Peace, Women Strike for Peace, Women's International League for Peace and Freedom.

Following are listed 28 of the top 50 defense contractors whose consumer products are under boycott:

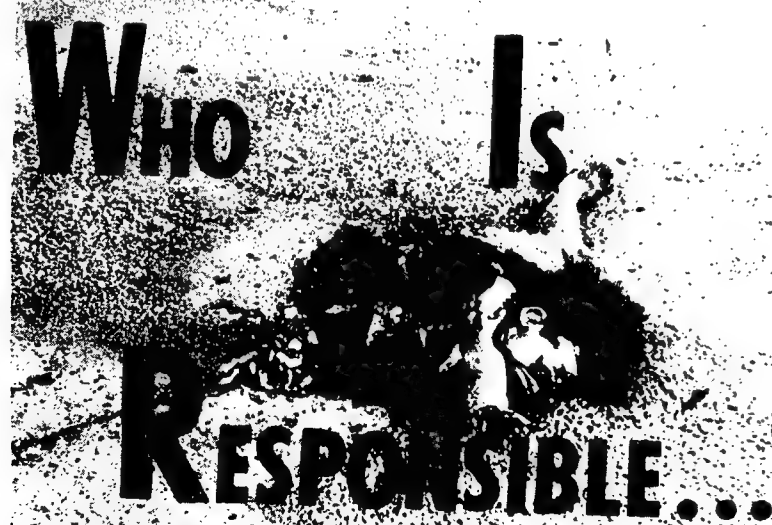
1. GENERAL ELECTRIC: all products under GE brand name.

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VVAW DEMANDS (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 2)

3. To bring together a national coalition of veterans, National Guard and reservists, and active-duty servicemen and women for peace, so that the men and women having first-hand knowledge of the military and the Indochina War can effectively voice their opinions.
4. To show that opposition to the war does not stem from cowardice or disloyalty; that the best way to keep faith with our fighting men is to BRING THEM BACK ALIVE-- NOW!
5. To show that Americans allow their society to be pervaded by a racism which lets us view Asians and our minorities as less than human.
6. To demand immediate increase in Veterans Administration funds to correct the deplorably inhumane conditions that prevail in V.A. hospitals, and to facilitate the initiation of rehabilitative programs responsive to the needs of all veterans.



7. To make clear that the U.S. has never undertaken an extensive, open investigation of American war crimes in Indochina. We demand that the U.S. government, in its war in Indochina, affirm the principles of Nuremberg.

While we, as former GI's, recognize the responsibility of the individual soldier to refrain from committing war crimes, we also recognize that the ultimate and primary responsibility and guilt of American war crimes lies with our policy-makers at all levels. We support the continuing efforts of the Citizens Commission of Inquiry in its attempts to fix responsibility for these policies and actions. We support and co-sponsor the International Winter Soldier Investigation which will take place this fall.

8. To demand that all active-duty servicemen and women be afforded the same rights that are guaranteed by the U.S. Constitution and Bill of Rights that are presently denied by the Uniform Code of Military Justice. We are appalled that servicemen and women are treated as less-than-first-class citizens. We call for an immediate reform of the UCMJ. We endorse the efforts of the American Serviceman's Union to win a Bill of Rights for servicemen.

9. To support active-duty GI's refusing orders to fight in S.E. Asia. We support all Americans refusing to be drafted.

10. To deplore inhumane treatment of all persons imprisoned as a result of the Indochina conflict.

IMPORTANT! message to mlf members

MUSIC LIBERATION FRONT
CALLS FOR AN ORGANIZATIONAL
MEETING ON SUNDAY FEB. 28.
ANYONE INTERESTED IN FORM-
ING THIS ORGANIZATION MEET
AT 419 VINE ST., BETHLEHEM
AT 2:30 P.M. FOR ADDITION-
AL INFORMATION CALL 6910810
OR WRITE:

MUSIC LIBERATION FRONT
P.O. BOX 847
ALLENTOWN, PA. 18105

"I always listen to what the
people want, then I decide on
my own what should be done."
---Charles Snelling

PARKWAY CONCERTS

Music Liberation Front's attempts to set up free concerts in the Parkway appear to have succeeded. After a number of meetings with city officials and members of the Youth Council of Allentown, plans for the free-rock concerts are nearly completed. Despite opposition by a number of residents of the Lehigh Parkway, assurance has been given by the city that the outcome of the first concert May 23 will determine whether additional concerts will be permitted. The most favorable site for the Sunday afternoon rock is the clearing approaching the iron bridge in the Parkway. This area provides for free electrical power from the city by tapping power lines from the barn across the road. Residents will not be disturbed by the noise and a ban on motor vehicles at this time will ensure safety from moving cars. Merchants at the Parkway Shopping Center will not object to use of the 2500 spaces in the parking lot on Lehigh Street a short distance from the concert area.

Clean-up crew and our own form of policing are being organized in order to retain the beauty of the park and erase any possible friction between youths and police.

Concert dates are May 23, June 20, June 27, July 11, July 18, Aug. 1, Aug. 15, and Aug. 29. A list of groups performing on each date will be published at a later date, as many groups can not give a committed date too far in advance.

Continuation of these concerts will allow us to appreciate our culture in the natural surroundings that are most valuable to us.

Groups and people interested in taking a part in these concerts contact

Music Liberation Front
Post Office Box 847
Allentown, Pa. 18105

David Heckman

ABORTION COUNSELING IN LV

Counseling for women with problem pregnancies-including women who are seeking abortions-is available in the Lehigh Valley area. Minister of Urban Affairs for the Presbytery of Lehigh, Rev. James Rumsey is coordinating a group of local clergymen who are members of the Clergy Consultation Service.

Clergy Consultation Service is a nation-wide organization which has operated in Pennsylvania for two years. It is now located in six urban centers of the State. Clergy Consultation Service offers women with problem pregnancies an opportunity to discuss the various options that are open to them. The service is available to both married and single women. "So far", Mr. Rumsey reports, "about twenty to thirty percent of those we have spoken to are married. Ages have ranged from late teen to late 30's."

REASONS FOR SERVICE

The Service is designed to offer compassion and understanding to women with unwanted pregnancies. "The counseling is client-oriented" Mr. Rumsey said, "and no effort is made to talk women into or out of abortion. All of the options are discussed with those who come to us seeking help: marriage, having the child and keeping it or putting it up for adoption, as well as abortion."

"We intend to provide a supportive atmosphere in which we can explore with the client her thinking about this decision and about herself. It is her decision but we want her to make it on the basis of careful reflection and the best possible information. There is no moralizing involved in these conversations."

If the woman has decided upon abortion, there are two options that Clergy Consultation Service discussed with her. She may be assisted in obtaining an appointment with a Pennsylvania doctor to explore the possibility of a therapeutic abortion. This is an abortion performed in a Pennsylvania hospital upon the recommendation of qualified and licensed physicians and/or psychiatrists that is in the interest of the mother's health to have the abortion performed. Or, she may be referred to an out-of-state hospital or clinic where Pennsylvania laws do not apply.

CIVIL DEFENSE WORKERS

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419 Vine St., Bethlehem phone no. 691-0810

"In both instances," Mr. Rumsey emphasized, "Clergy Consultation Service takes great care to insure that the medical doctors and hospital facilities involved are fully licensed and regulated."

VAGUE LAWS

"The present Pennsylvania abortion law is vague," Mr. Rumsey noted; "it specifies that it is illegal to perform an unlawful abortion but does not define what an unlawful abortion is." Therapeutic abortions are currently being performed in many hospitals throughout the State on the assumption that they are not "unlawful".

To obtain an interview with Clergy Consultation Service women throughout the State dial a central number in Philadelphia, WAJ-5141. An answering service with a recorded message briefly describes the service and lists the name and telephone number of a clergyman in the local area with whom to make an appointment.

RANKS OF AGED POOR RISE

The Senate Special Committee on Aging has reported that one out of every four Americans 65 and over is now forced to live on a poverty-level income.

Medical costs are rising beyond the financial capabilities of many elderly people; an expense which determines the length of their lives. After years of hard work, the homes they own are being lost to increasing property taxes. In a nation that boasts of its higher standard of living and advanced technology, the very people who built it up are inhumanly neglected in their time of greatest need.

This newspaper desires to explain an alternative system where not one elderly person's needs are lost in a competitive economy for higher productivity. We advocate a system that is geared to provide for the needs of human beings where co-operative efforts by everyone for the community results in all people benefiting.

Medical aid is only one of these needs which can be provided for all people without cost through the revenues collected by the existing government. When this is provided for, both young and old can concentrate their efforts on production and creativity with full potential.

David Heckman

Wash., D.C. Washout

PANTHERS SUCCUMB TO MORTALITY

The attempt to meet together in Washington D.C. on Thanksgiving weekend to write a new Constitution that would truly meet the needs of the American people failed. But, as with all failures, lessons can be drawn that may help people someday to complete the work that was begun. And beyond the writing of a new Constitution, the disaster in Washington may tell us important things about our shortcomings as people.

The Constitutional Convention movement failed for two reasons; the first was that radical people in the U.S. placed the burden for radical leadership on the Black Panther Party. And the second reason stems from this first mistake; once the whole spirit of getting "behind" the Panthers rather than getting up front with them took hold, it became apparent that the Panthers were not up to this task of doing the thinking and organizing for all the radical groups in the country.

In the aftermath of the convention, the most important point that could be noticed was the stupidity of the American left in trying to form a sort of united front under the protective cover of the Panther Party.

Apparently in the face of the extermination program the government is waging against the Panthers, the white left had adopted the Panther

leadership and Party as a sort of father figure to be implicitly trusted, respected-- and followed. The idea had been formed that since the Panthers were doing most of the Movement's bleeding, they were therefore eminently qualified to lead as the vanguard of the Revolution.

White radicals didn't seem to realize that a group under such continual pressure as the Panthers is put to so much strain that it is in no position to look out for more than its own survival. An organization that loses its leaders one by one to murder, exile, or imprisonment couldn't fill the leadership vacuum that the white left had allowed to exist during the preparations for the convention.

But, nonetheless, criticism must also be apportioned to the Panthers for this debacle. They could not very well stop the official harassments and attacks on their party, but they could to a greater extent have made known to their non-black compatriots that their party did not have the strength singlehandedly to pull off the convention.

The spirit of the preliminary Philadelphia convention and the Washington gathering was entirely too true to what the pig press had labeled it-- "the Black Panther convention" rather than a real "revolutionary people's convention."

Howard U. plays it's trump

The convention was faced with an impossible situation from the beginning. Howard University had promised to set up a convention site. Then they had reneged, after the Panthers had put up a 10% down payment on the fee Howard was charging them. Thus, the futile registration process should have been at once shelved and the people's energies concentrated on securing a place for the convention.

More than anything else, it was this apparent inability of the Panthers to admit that they could not fulfill the superman expectations white radicals had placed in them that soured all the events that took place in Washington. The Panther leadership saw that the situation was out of hand, that the groups which had crowded childlike under their leadership had placed them in an impossible situation, yet they did nothing.

The Panthers had been formed into a revolutionary myth in the eyes of many white radicals, and the Panther leadership did nothing to dispel this illusion. Thus the stage was set for a crushing disillusionment for many white radicals.

The Panthers had been sent on an ego trip, and they proved to be as sus-

ceptible as any other mortals to such a pitfall. Instead of admitting early Friday that they were not prepared to deal with the unexpected events that Howard's refusal had caused, they went on blindly hoping that they were in reality as infallible in leadership as their overly enthusiastic white admirers had imagined. They of course weren't, and the convention flopped. Many whites left the city bitter because their heroes had turned out to be as human as themselves.

Whether the Panthers themselves learned what they had done wrong is probably the most important question of all. Almost certainly, the prestige they had had among their fellow radical groups has been badly damaged, if not hurt irreparably. They put too much of their credibility as a revolutionary organization on the success of the convention.

But hopefully, the scars of this experience will be shallower than the knowledge we have gained from it. Maybe the Panthers will repudiate the role they have been assigned by other groups who have copped out on their responsibility for leading the fight against Fascism in America. Perhaps once and for all, the idea will be put to rest that any one

radical group will serve as the elite with the others just providing support.

The consciousness must be formed in all progressive people that if so revolutionary a thing as a new Constitution is to be formulated, it must be in a true spirit of democratic sharing of both leadership and responsibility.

It was in fact fortunate that the convention did not come off in the bad spirit of the Washington gathering. Because even if messed-up, altogether people had managed to put down on paper the greatest framework of government the world had ever seen, that document would still remain a dead letter. A truly revolutionary spirit must exist in a person's heart before the words he commits to paper are to have any value.

L.V. bail fund says, **Bail not Jail**

Sitting in Northampton and Lehigh County prisons in Easton and Allentown are prisoners not found guilty of any crime. The sole reason for their jailing is lack of money.

These are the men and women and young people who are too poor to put up bail or to pay the bail bondsman's fee. They are not guilty of any crime, for they have not yet been tried and therefore must be presumed innocent. Pending trial, others accused of identical crimes but having money for bail go free.

There is no legally permissible use of bail except to insure appearance of defendants at trial. And excessive bail is explicitly forbidden by the U.S. Constitution. Yet what could be more excessive than a bail which a defendant could not afford to pay?

Despite constitutional provisions to protect citizens against a punitive use of bail, clearly the courts use the bail system to jail people whom they wish to punish. The bail system can serve as an instrument of oppression of the poor.

In the Lehigh Valley, first steps have been taken to counter the injustice of the bail system. A property-based bail fund, the Lehigh Valley Bail Fund, has been organized. It is hoped that within a few months, with the help of property owners throughout the Valley, the new organization will be prepared to put up bail when needed by poor people who otherwise would be imprisoned without trial.

The organization of a property-based bail fund in this area was initia-

Black Lehigh Student Held a Month On \$25,000 Bail

by Joe Carenko

Everette Guillory was arrested by the Bethlehem Police after the preliminary hearing for the Bethlehem 21 Conspiracy, which he allegedly is a part of. The facts concerning his case were and are very unfair and prejudiced concerning his bail and treatment.

First an excessive bail was placed on him, in the amount of 25,000 dollars. This was bail for armed robbery while not far away in Philadelphia a policeman was held on \$10,000 bail for the murder of a street worker. Is this fair? Not only are they ruining his college career, but also his family will be suffering from the unjust arrest made on him.

Guillory was identified at the hearing by the man who was stabbed because he was Black and wearing sunglasses, because one of the persons who did the stabbing was Black and wearing sunglasses. They also prolonged his hearing on the charges so he had to spend more time in jail than he had to for something he didn't do. He already spent Christmas and New Years holidays in jail, will he be jailed unjustly and spend more holidays in jail for something he didn't do?

The reason I am giving for his innocence is that on the night of the stabbing, Guillory was with me and my friends outside of Holy Infancy Hall waiting outside of a dance that was going on there. And I along with all my friends are willing to go to his court trial and testify in his defense, in order to see that justice is carried out. Don't let Pig Oppression keep going on for Blacks, Puerto Ricans, and Poor Whites!

As of this date, the bail has been reduced to one dollar for Everette Guillory, in which the Pigs knew that they have done him wrong but want to settle it quietly. Even though he is out on bail, he is restricted to the campus where he is trying to catch up on lost studies which were lost while he was in jail. He is presently awaiting court trial to come up in the near future.

"I think giving shots of smack to a 16 year old addict is a good policy to obtain information on pushers."

--- Charles Snelling

ted last Sept. by the social concerns committee of the Unitarian Church and the Friends Meeting.

A board of Directors elected was at the Feb. 2 meeting of the Friends of the Lehigh Valley Bail Fund. There is representation from the Allentown, Bethlehem, and Easton communities of the three most affected groups in terms of community need for help on bail-- youth, Puerto Ricans, and Blacks. The board members are: Daniel Cohen (Easton), Luis Diaz (Allentown), Charlie Fontanez (Bethlehem), John Ickes (Allentown), Jesus Ortiz, (Bethlehem), Connie Roberts (Bethlehem), Ron Sallard (Palmer Twp.), Carol Thompson (Bethlehem), and Tinker Vitelli (Easton).

The first need of the bail fund is a pool of properties -- real estate in Lehigh and Northampton counties made available for use as bail by concerned individuals and institutions, such as churches.

Secondly, a contingency fund is necessary to minimize the risk to property owners in the event of bail-skips. Nationally, the skip rate is about 3 percent. The rate is probably much lower where a bail fund is operating and keeping in close touch with the person it is helping. The safety policy of the Lehigh Valley Bail Fund will probably be the same as that of the bail fund in Bucks County; no individual's bail higher than the cash immediately available in the contingency fund would be put up.

IF YOU HAVE ANY QUESTIONS OR PROPERTY YOU WOULD CONSIDER MAKING AVAILABLE, WRITE TO THE LEHIGH VALLEY BAIL FUND, c/o THE UNITARIAN CHURCH, 701 LECHAUWKEI AVE., BETHLEHEM, PA. 18015

BETHLEHEM ALE HOUSE "CONSPIRACY"

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be no more disruptions down there until I am contacted, and I haven't been contacted yet." The Christmas City was busy washing its windows as Payrow had earlier advised.

Wed. night, Thanksgiving eve, David Hirschak was knifed and robbed of one dollar on Polk St., as he was coming out of work. A police car, returning from taking Hirschak to St. Luke's Hospital, saw a fight spill out of the Ale House at the Five Points. All available cars on the South Side were dispatched to the scene.

The fight started when a minor, already drunk, tried to buy a quart of beer. When he was refused service, a person near him started laughing. The minor promised to return with friends to get the laughing patron. He did, and the group began to beat up the patrons and the bartender.

George Brown, one of the patrons, thought it would be cool to flash his detective's badge. The private guard was given the traditional welcome for policemen. He was hit on the head with a piece of wood, receiving a wound which required 24 stitches to close.

Enter "ambassadors-in-blue"

The police put Brown in an ambulance. One of the brawling minors was arrested as he tried to escape. From the first arrest, about 12:20 A.M., accounts given by police and by civilians differ considerably. Police claim that a large crowd of people was on the sidewalk near the Alehouse door.

A few hysterical girls were yelling "kill the pigs," and the police saw some young men "interfering" with their attempts to arrest the girls. Non-police spectators agree that the girls were freaking out but that the males were trying to quiet them and were not interfering with the process of arrest.

The placement of Bob Thompson, Freedom High School teacher (at the time) and Illick's Mill advisor, is another controversial item. Testimony of officers Benko, Doyle, and Gawlik at a hearing before Alderman John Gombosi on Dec. placed Thompson near the door of the Ale House, half-way down to Hang-Up House, and almost standing on the steps of the Ale House, in the crowd on the sidewalk.

a "pacifist pig" policeman? ... come on, Gawlik!

Gawlik heard Thompson call Benko a "pacifist pig" (Thompson himself is a pacifist). Benko heard Thompson shout "fascist pig." (Thompson never has been known to call the police "pigs".) Doyle placed Thompson next to Mayor Payrow, who was also at the scene. Doyle gave his vote to the "fascist pig" version and claimed that Thompson was arguing loudly with Payrow. Payrow had previously stated for the Bethlehem Globe-Times that he and Thompson had not exchanged any words that night.

Doyle then proceeded to say that Nevin Mindlin, heavily bearded and wearing glasses, like Thompson, was at the Ale House also. This statement irritated defense attorney Mindlin, whose son Nevin had been in Allentown at the time of the fight.

Thompson's own version, supported by others who were arrested, is that he was called out of bed and proceeded to Hang-Up House because there was a fight at the Ale House. He turned off the lights in Hang-Up House and closed the door. As he started walking across the street, a few people asked him for a lift home. As they were about to enter his car, they were all arrested.

Thompson's car was parked across the street, near the entrance to the Pantry Pride parking lot, 100 feet away from Hang-Up House. Hang-Up House is (or rather, was) at least 200 feet from the Ale House, in the other direction.

John Stein, arriving at the scene in a patrol car, said that the first three or four arrests were made selectively in the crowd on the sidewalk. Joe Csrenko, Freddy Rodriguez, and Faustino Rivera were arrested immediately after the fighting minor was. They had never

been in the Ale House and were not involved in the fighting, but their names were high on the list that was in the police station. After their arrest and the arrest of the hysterical girls, a calm existed for 10 minutes as people drifted back and forth on the sidewalk.

The presiding sergeant told Stein and the rest of the police that Payrow wanted the people arrested in a group after they entered Hang-Up House. Stein then asked the sergeant if everyone was to be placed under arrest. The sergeant said yes but refused to cite specific charges. The Mayor told Stein that everyone was to be arrested, also refused to say on what charges, and then told Stein to obey his sergeant.

John Stein discovers the real function of police

Stein handed Payrow his badge, turned his gun and belt over to a detective, and gave his hat to the presiding sergeant. After that, he walked to City Hall, changed, and went home. Right on, John Stein. Some people can see real pigs and decide not to follow the chain of command pigs enjoy.

One of the patrons in the Ale House, Frank Seiter, did not like the treatment the minors dished out to the patrons. He and a few others threw the kids out. He stepped outside of the Ale House a few minutes after Brown had been taken away. He didn't stay out long, for he saw the police arresting everyone on the street. "Some of those arrested couldn't have had anything to do with the fight," Seiter said later in the City Hall garage.

The scene at the police station was tense. Most of the 15 police who had participated in the bust were running around, carrying personal effects of those arrested. Some 30 people were occupying the hallway near the police desk and staying in the garage, waiting to see if the police would be stupid enough to repeat the beatings of Sept. 25.

Officer Doyle, doing door duty, refused to admit anyone who had a camera. Dan Church, a Globe-Times reporter, flashed his press card and moved past Doyle. Church took a picture of one of the witnesses. A minute later, a policeman came out, threatening the photographer with a lawsuit from the witness if the picture were published.

Later, on Church St., Church was threatened with arrest if he took any pictures. Officer Gerald Fox told him he was under orders to prevent pictures from being taken. Meanwhile, John Pagram, an independent photographer who contributed to Open Valley, held the police at bay in the garage. He even merited a police tail for the car he was riding in.

It was a truly grand affair-- the biggest of the year. Mayor Payrow was at the scene of the gestapo-type arrests; indeed, he probably ordered them. At the police station, Payrow was in a good mood, even to the point of wishing a happy Thanksgiving to Carol Thompson, Bob's wife.

The 40 people hauled in were gradually reduced to 21 through a process of interrogation and fabrication. Charges were brought against 10 adults and 11 juveniles. Freddy Rodriguez, Pepe Velasquez, Joe Csrenko, Gary Kent, Charles Parker, Norma Hernandez, Robert Thompson, Everett Guillory, and Albert Hayes were charged with conspiracy to riot, unlawful assembly, and disorderly conduct.

Nearly two months later, charges against Rodriguez and Velasquez were dropped, as well as all the disorderly charges. Faustino Rivera was also charged with assault and battery, presumably on two police officers. One of those counts was dropped.

Two juveniles have been sent to "youth camps," and three others have been found guilty. Charges against the remaining six juveniles have been dropped.

Exit Ringmaster Spazianimus

The hearing before Alderman Gombosi was a farce, as already described. Northampton D.A. Spaziani and a few of his assistants tried to badger defense lawyers, and police gave confused testimony that showed that they were trying to cover up a big mess.

No discussion of evidence of the conspiracy to riot was made, and the police lied in order to support the alleged unlawful aspects of the assembly. Not all of the defendants were even identified at the hearing. It took 10 minutes for the police to identify Faustino, and one officer insisted that Charlie Csrenko was his brother Joe. Nonetheless, Gombosi, after considerable consultation with Spaziani, bound the cases over for trial in April.

Economic Boycott Against War...

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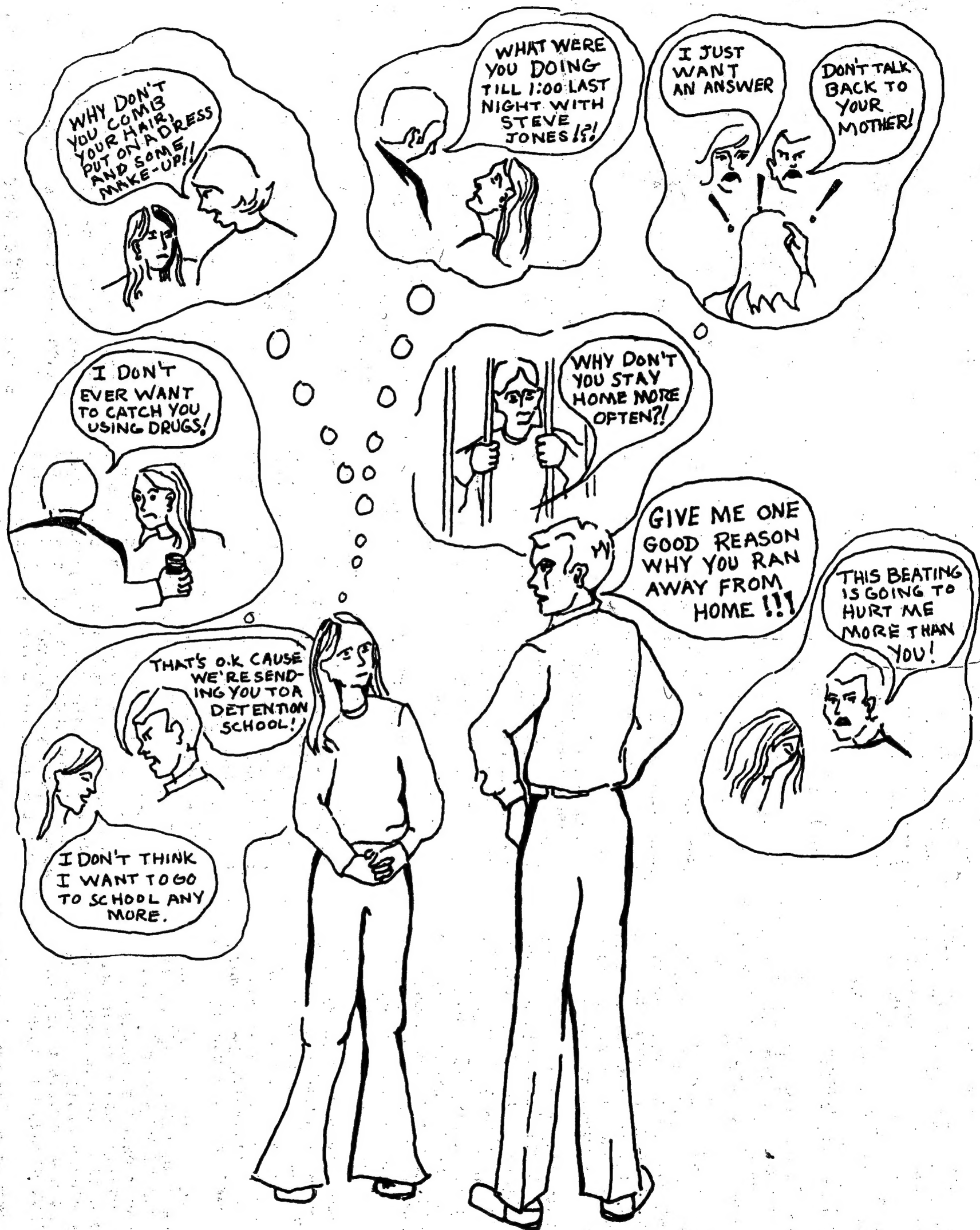
"WE WERE YOUNG AND HAD LONG HAIR..."

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picked up. He had been pulled in before, suspicion of drugs. He was made to roll up his sleeves, no tracks. He explained that he wasn't using drugs. All he wanted was to be left alone. But he wasn't. He faces a possible fine of \$300. He also lost his job because of this arrest.

My girlfriend, who wasn't on speaking terms with her mother before the arrest will also have a hearing and is in danger of being sent to a home. The boy with me has another arrest added to his list. I have a little card on file and a growing hatred inside, only because we walked on the main street of Allentown, and we were young and had long hair.

About a week after this incident, my girlfriend was visited by an officer who said he had a warrant for her arrest again for the same loitering charge. She was to be put in jail with bail set at \$100. He asked her to leave with him. Her mother came home and tried to reason with the officer, but to no avail. Seems their against parents too.

Of course she wasn't taken to jail because to be put in jail you must be 18 or over. Several days after his visit they were told there was no warrant for the attempted arrest and that the officer's visit was just a mistake.



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Re Philadelphia airtel to Bureau, 4/8/71.

Referenced airtel reported that "Civil Defense" newspaper, an underground newspaper published in Bethlehem, Pa. which is available to the public, was formerly known as "Open Valley".

The number 3 issue of "Civil Defense", published July 1971, contains a four paragraph article on page 2 which is set out in full as follows:

"Civil Defense" defends you (or tries to, at least).

"We take pictures of the guys who take pictures of us.

"We are beginning to compile photographs and other information on FBI Agents, narcs, and other 'undercover'

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Re Philadelphia letter to the Bureau dated 4/8/71, and Philadelphia airtel to the Bureau dated 7/28/71.

For the information of the Bureau, prior investigation developed that "Open Valley" newspaper was founded and edited by STEPHEN G. ROSE in Bethlehem, Pa. During the latter part of 1970, ROSE decided to disassociate himself from the paper, and gave permission to his two co-editors to continue publication only if they agreed to change the name. ROSE then left the Bethlehem area, and returned to his parents' home in Allentown, Pa. *PA.*

The two *PA* co-editors, STEVE MASTRONARDE and DAVE HECKMAN, continued to publish the paper under the title "Civil Defense" until approximately August, 1971, when MASTRONARDE became a Pennsylvania State Police fugitive (on a stolen car charge), and HECKMAN left Bethlehem and moved to the Allentown, Pa. area.

On 12/1/71, [] advised that the "Civil Defense" newspaper had ceased production and publication, and that it would not be published in the future due primarily to lack of funds. In addition, the source stated that STEPHEN ROSE was attempting to sell the residence in Bethlehem, Pa. which had been used as the paper's headquarters, and that ROSE had returned to college.

On 12/14/71, Captain JOSEPH MOYER, Detective Bureau, Bethlehem PD advised that ROSE and the other former staff members of the "Open Valley" newspaper had left the Bethlehem area, and that no similar newspaper was currently being published in that city. MOYER further advised that he knew of no plans for future publications, and believed that there were no funds available for such a venture.

In view of the above, this case is being placed in a closed status in the Philadelphia Division.

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